

8. Conjunctions

8.1 Coordinating conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions connect words, phrases, clauses and sentences. For example:

- *und* (and)
Me mest kohk und tʃsipes. I eat cake and crisps.
Et eri'st blü, und et leri'st röt. This one is blue, and that one is red.
- *zowel* (and also, both ... and)
E mast te kohk zowel te knots. He ate both the cake and the bun.
- *zowel na* (neither)
Me n'al, zowel na ye. I'm not going, and neither are you.
- *no* (but)
Kohk bifröd ime no na brokoli. I like cake but not broccoli.
Brokoli na bifröd ime, no me mast aqüzü iet. I don't like broccoli, but I ate it anyway.
- *ëġ, ëd* (or)
(*Ēġ* and *ëd* are interchangeable.)
Kümne ye ëġ al ye? Are you coming or are you going?
M'al Samüdäi ëd Sonnendäi. I'm going on Saturday or Sunday.
- *n'ëġ, n'ëd* (nor)
(*N'ëġ* and *n'ëd* are interchangeable.)
Frégetʃludes na ʃsoh isten té luch n'ëd té swer. Quizzes should be neither too easy nor too difficult.
- *zo* (so)
E mast meü kohk, zo me mast eü knots. He ate my cake, so I ate his bun.

8.2 Subordinating conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions link a main clause with a subordinate clause, and can be classified into a number of groups. For example:

- Complementisers: *tes* (that), *widar* (whether)
E säir tes et 'st kalt oter. He says [that] it's cold outside.
Me thakje tes et fšald régenen jexnin. I think [that] it will rain tonight.
Me na wīt widar et fšald régenen morn. I don't know whether it will rain tomorrow.
 (Note that although "that" is optional in English in the above examples, *tes* is required in Jameld.)
- Time: *wen* (when), *wenpastš* (as soon as), *wīl* (while)
Wen me wā yōng me mast veln tšipes. When I was young I ate only crisps.
E less wenpastš e vista ime. He left as soon as he saw me.
Me waki TV wīl me mest te rastmest. I watch television while eating my breakfast.
- Cause: *pozirul* (because), *bisilt* (as, since)
Es slū ie pozirul e vista ax ies. She hit him because he looked at her.
Bisilt et wā ax te fšnōin, ven pustū inter. As it was snowing, we stayed in.
- Condition: *eōx* (if), *zolink* (provided that), *snīĝ* (unless)
Me fšald isten lerid eōx me zichte. I will be there if I can.
Me fšald isten leri snīĝ me mote wawūben la. I will be there unless I have to work late.
- Comparison: *és eōx* (as if), *lauk és* (like), *as* (than), *intzo* (inasmuch as)
Tem festha lauk és et wā 1999. They partied like it was 1999.
Tšüeles iřskauje zest Latin jūji as temt at inte 1950-s. Schools teach less Latin now than they did in the 1950s.
- Purpose and result: *zo's* (so that), *vor* (in order to), *zowīs tes* (in such a way that)
Künneyě eri zo's me zicht hūaren iye. Come here so that I can hear you.
Es stū vor visen ob temü chadofes. She stood up in order to see over their heads.
Temt fell zowīs tes nan ew itemt bruk. They fell in such a way that none of them broke.

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- Concession: *tügo* (although, even if), *tretew* (despite), *zoerns* (as much as)
Tügo kohk bifröd ime, Although I like cake, I prefer
 m'opkiysen raumis. ice cream.
Me na kessyon iye, tügo ye I wouldn't kiss you even if you
 wäe rëzrich. were stinking rich.

These are not exhaustive lists.