Unit 9

Enterprise grammar - 4

Study each addition and connective carefully.

- Positive/Negative Additions
- Joining Ideas
- Clauses of Contrast
- Clauses of Reason
- Clauses of Result

Positive/Negative Addition

- To add more points or arguments, or add more information to what is already known or what has been mentioned before, we can use:
- And,
- also,
- as well,
- as well as,
- in addition to,
- Both ... and
- Not only ... but also,
- Besides, etc

Examples

- ✓ The film was boring and long.
- ✓ The film was boring. It was also long.
- ✓ The film was boring and long as well.
- ✓ The film was boring as well as long.
- ✓ The film was boring in addition to being boring.
- ✓ The film was both boring and long.
- √ The film was not only boring but (it was) also long.
- ✓ Besides being boring, the film was (also) long.
- ✓ The film was boring besides being long.

To join two negative ideas or add another negative point to an idea we have mentioned before, we can use:

- Neither ...nor
- Neither/nor
- Not Either, etc

Example:

- ✓ Neither crocodiles nor snakes are mammals.
- ✓ Crocodiles are not mammals and neither/nor are snakes.
- ✓ Crocodiles are not mammals and snakes are (mammals) either.

Joining ideas

To add more information, we can use:

- Furthermore,
- Moreover,
- What is more,
- Also,
- Not only ... but also, etc

- Example:
- ✓ Sue is a clever student. Furthermore/Moreover/What is more, she is a kind girl.
- ✓ Sue is not only a clever student but (she is) also a kind girl.

To join two contracting ideas, we can use:

- However,
- But,
- Nevertheless,
- On the other hand,
- In contrast, etc

• Example:

WWF are making some efforts to help animals under threat, However/Nevertheless, they are not always successful and some species become extinct.

Clauses of Contrast

- But,
- although/even though/though
- In spite of/despite
- However
- While/whereas
- Yet
- Nevertheless,
- On the other hand,
- Still

BUT

- I'm good at science but I'm terrible at maths.

Although/even though/though + clause (Clause = S + V)

- Although Julie had been working hard all morning, she didn't feel tired.
- Even though Julie had been working hard all morning, she didn't feel tired.

Note: *though* is informal. I can be put at the end of a sentence.

- Julie had been working her all morning. She didn't feel tired, though.

- In spite of/despite + noun/-ing form
- In spite of/Despite her good looks, she never succeeded as a top model.

- In spite of/Despite the fact that + clause
- In spite of/Despite the fact that she is good-looking, she never succeeded as a top model.

While/whereas

My brother eats a lot of meat while I am a vegetarian.

My brother eats a lot of meat whereas I am a vegetarian.

Yet (formal)

The accident involved a lot of cars, yet no one was seriously injured.

Still

The working conditions in this company are quite good. Still, the job itself is extremely boring.

On the other hand

I disagree with David. On the other hand, I agree with everything Brian says.

Clauses reason

Clauses of reason are introduced with the following words/expressions:

- ✓ Because
- ✓ As/since
- √ The reason why/for
- ✓ Because of/on account of/due to/owing to (the fact that)

Because

I was late for school because I forgot to set the alarm clock.

As/since (because)

Lots of animals are endangered as/since their habitats are being destroyed.

The reason for + noun/-ing form

The reason for the car accident was (the fact) that the driver didn't see the cyclist.

• The reason why + clause

The reason why he had a car accident was (the fact) that he didn't see the cyclist.

because of/on account of/due to/owing to + noun.

All passengers were asked to leave the ship because of/due to a fire in the engine room.

• Because of/on account of/due to/owing to the fact that + clause All passengers were asked to leave the ship because of/on account of/owing to the fact that there was a fire in the engine room.

Clauses of result

- As a result
- Therefore
- consequently/as a consequence
- So
- So/such ... that etc.

- The hole in the ozone layer is getting bigger and bigger. As a result, the earth's climate is changing.
- The hole in the ozone layer is getting bigger and bigger. Consequently, the earth's climate is changing.
- The hole in the ozone layer is getting bigger and bigger. As a consequence, the earth's climate is changing.
- The hole in the ozone layer is getting bigger and bigger. Therefore, the earth's climate is changing.

• So

It was raining, so I took an umbrella.

- So + adjective/adverb
 It was so quiet in the museum that he thought he was the only visitor.
- Such a/an + adjective + singular countable noun. It was such a beautiful afternoon (that) we decided to have a picnic in the park.

• Such + adjective + plural/uncountable noun
We had such heavy luggage (that) we had to call a porter to help us.