

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate conjunction.

1. I will not oppose your design. I cannot,, approve it.

but

however

thus

therefore

However expresses a contrast between one sentence and the other.

2. He was obstinate;, he was punished.

however

therefore

but

We use 'therefore' to join sentences in which one statement is inferred from the other.

3. He failed,, he persevered.

therefore

nevertheless

thus

Nevertheless expresses a contrast between one sentence and the other.

4. a borrower nor a lender be.

Neither

Either

Or

Note the pattern neither...nor.

5. I was annoyed I kept quiet.

still

yet

but

All of the above

All of these sentences can be used to express a contrast between one sentence and the other.

6. Make hay the sun shines.

while

until

unless

We can use while to say that two actions or situations go on at the same time.

7. Tired he was, I decided not to disturb him.

though

as

Either could be used here

As can mean because in this construction.

8. Bravely they fought, they had no chance of winning.

as

though

Either could be used here

As and though can both mean 'although' in a special structure after an adjective or adverb.

9. If A is equal to B and B is equal to C, A is equal to C.

than

then

so

We can use 'then' to indicate a logical conclusion.

10. I'm off on holiday, I won't be seeing you for a while.

so
then
than

So and then can both be used to mean 'since that is so'. There is an important difference. Then is used when one speaker replies to another. Then is not normally used when the same speaker connects two ideas.

11. 'I will need the car.' '..... I suppose I will have to take a taxi.'

So
Then
Either could be used here

So and then can both be used to mean 'since that is so'. There is an important difference. Then is used when one speaker replies to another. Then is not normally used when the same speaker connects two ideas. So can be used in both situations.

12. I have come early I can talk to you.

so
so that
Either could be used here

In an informal style, that can be dropped after so.

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Answers

1. I will not oppose your design. I cannot, however, approve it.
2. He was obstinate; therefore, he was punished.
3. He failed, nevertheless, he persevered.
4. Neither a borrower nor a lender be.
5. I was annoyed but / yet / still I kept quiet.
6. Make hay while the sun shines.

7. Tired as he was, I decided not to disturb him.
8. Bravely as/though they fought, they had no chance of winning.
9. If A is equal to B and B is equal to C, then A is equal to C.
10. I'm off on holiday, so I won't be seeing you for a while.
11. 'I will need the car.' 'So/then I suppose I will have to take a taxi.'
12. I have come early so / so that I can talk to you.