

Lesson 61:

Conjunctions

Conjunctions [viunganishi]

A). Conjunctions

ama	[or; not]
au	[or]
badala ya	[instead of]
bali	[but rather; on the contrary]
basi	[then; well; so; that's all]
bila	[without]
ijapo	[even if]
ila	[except]
ili; ili kwamba	[so as; so that; in order to]
ingawa	[although; even though]
juu ya hayo	[moreover]
kama	[if; around; like]
kama kwamba; kana kwamba	[as if]
kisha	[and then; moreover]
kusudi	[to; in order to]
kwa	[for; to; by; with]
kwa ajili ya	[because of]
kwa hiyo; kwa hivyo; kwa vile	[so; because of that; in sequence]
kwa kuwa	[because]
kwa maana ya	[because]
kwa sababu (ya); kwani	[because]
kwamba; kuwa	[that]
lakini; walakini	[but; however]
na	[and; with]
pamoja (na)	[with; together with]
pamoja na hayo; juu ya hayo; zaidi ya hayo; juu ya hivyo	[moreover]
tena	[again; moreover]
wala	[either; neither]
yaani	[that is to say]
pia	[also]

Sentence Formation

Mifano:

1. ama [or; not]

- a). Utanunua ndizi **ama** viazi.
[You will buy bananas or potatoes.]
- b). Unataka kucheza **ama** kupumzika?
[Do you want to play or rest?]

2. au [or]

- a). Leta mkate mweusi **au** mweupe.
[Bring black or white bread.]
- b). Nunua shati jekundu **au** jeupe.
[Buy the red or the white shirt.]

3. badala ya [instead of]

- a). Alikwenda Michigan **badala ya** kwenda Maryland.
[He/She went to Michigan instead of going to Maryland.]
- b). Anaona televisheni **badala ya** kucheza.
[He/She is watching television instead of playing.]

4. bali [but rather; on the contrary]

- a). Kusema Kiswahili si vigumu, **bali** ni rahisi.
[Speaking Kiswahili is not difficult, but rather it is easy.]
- b). Bei ya ndege si ghali, **bali** ni rahisi.
[The price of the airplane is not expensive, on the contrary it is cheap.]

5. basi [then; well; so; that's all]

- a). Nilitaka sana kuona wanyama, **basi** nilifika hapa.
[I really wanted to see the animals, so I arrived here.]
- b). Nilitaka sana kula pizza, **basi** nilienda mkahawani.
[I really wanted to eat pizza, so I went to the restaurant.]

6. bila [without]

a). Basi lilifika **bila** mama.

[The bus arrived without mother.]

b). Alikwenda Tanzania **bila** kuona Tanga.

[He/She went to Tanzania without seeing Tanga.]

7. ijapo [even if]

a). **Ijapo** nitakufa, sitakubali uwongo.

[Even if I die, I will not accept lies.]

b). **Ijapo** mimi ni maskini siwezi kulala njaa.

[Even if I am a poor person, I cannot sleep hungry.]

8. ila [except]

a). Wanafunzi hawa ni wazuri, **ila** ni huyu.

[These students are good, except this one.]

b). Watu wote wamefika **ila** mwalimu.

[Everyone has arrived except the teacher.]

c). Kila mtu amelala **ila** baba.

[Each person has slept except the father.]

9. ili; ili kwamba [so as; so that; in order to]

a). Ninapika **ili** nile.

[I am cooking in order to eat.]

b). Ninakwenda baharini **ili** ninunue samaki.

[I am going to the ocean in order to buy fish.]

10. ingawa [although; even though]

a). Amefika kazini **ingawa** mtoto wake ni mgonjwa.

[He has arrived at work even though his child is sick.]

b). Anapenda familia yake **ingawa** yeye ni maskini.

[He likes his family even though he/she is poor.]

11. juu ya hayo [moreover]

- a). Chakula ni haba, **juu ya hayo** ni ghali mno.
[Food is scarce, moreover it is very expensive.]
- b). Mwalimu ni mzuri, **juu ya hayo** ni mpole.
[The teacher is good, moreover he is gentle.]

12. kama [if; around; like]

- a). Ninahitaji televisheni **kama** hii.
[I need a television like this one.]
- b). Utakaa Florida kwa muda gani? - **Kama** miezi mitatu.
[You will live in Florida for how long? - Around three months.]

13. kama kwamba; kana kwamba [as if]

- a). Alicheza pamoja na simba **kana kwamba** ni paka.
[She played together with the lion as if it were a cat.]
- b). Alilia **kana kwamba** ni mtoto.
[She cried as if she were a child.]

14. kisha [moreover]

- a). Mwanafunzi huyu hasomi shuleni, **kisha** hajui kuandika.
[This student does not read in school, moreover he does not know how to write.]
- b). Nesi huyu ni mfupi **kisha** ni mwembamba.
[This nurse is short, moreover he/she is thin.]

15. kusudi [to; in order to]

- a). Amejenga nyumba kubwa **kusudi** kufanya hoteli.
[He/She has built the big house in order to make a hotel.]
- b). Amefanya utafiti **kusudi** ya kupata digrii.
[He/She has done the research in order to get the degree.]

16. kwa [for; to; by; with]

- a). Anafanya kazi **kwa** Bwana Manji. (*For*)
[He/She works for Mr. Manji.]
- b). Kata nanasi **kwa** kisu! (*With*)
[Cut the pineapple with a knife!]
- c). Mimi huenda chuoni **kwa** miguu. (*By*)
[I go to school by foot.]
- d). Nitakula wali **kwa** mchuzi. (*With*)
[I will eat rice with soup.]

17. kwa ajili ya [because of]

- a). **Kwa ajili ya** kula chakula kidogo sikulala usiku.
[Because of eating a little food, I did not sleep at night.]
- b). Tulisoma sana jana **kwa ajili ya** mtihani.
[We studied a lot yesterday because of the exam.]

18. kwa hiyo; kwa hivyo; kwa vile [so; because of that; in consequence]

- a). Sikwenda darasani, **kwa hivyo** sikufanya mtihani.
[I did not go to class, so I did not do the exam.]
- b). Sikupata habari **kwa hivyo** sikwenda filamuni.
[I did not get news, so I did not go to the film.]

19. kwa kuwa [because]

- a). Hatukulala **kwa kuwa** mvua ilinyesha sana.
[We did not sleep because the rain fell heavily.]
- b). Hatukucheza **kwa kuwa** gari liliharibika.
[We did not play because the car was wrecked.]

20. kwa maana ya [because]

- a). Hatukula **kwa maana ya** ukosefu wa chakula.
[We did not eat because of a lack of food.]
- b). Hatukulala **kwa maana ya** karamu.
[We did not sleep because of the party.]

21. kwa sababu ; kwani [because]

- a). Nilienda jikoni **kwa sababu** nilitaka kula chakula.
[I went to the kitchen because I wanted to eat food.]
- b). Nilienda darasani **kwa sababu** nilitaka kusoma Kiswahili.
[I went to class because I wanted to study Kiswahili.]

22. kwamba; kuwa [that]

- a). Ninaona **kwamba** / **kuwa** mnyama huyu ni mkali.
[I see that this animal is fierce.]
- b). Mwanafunzi anasema **kwamba** / **kuwa** daftari lake limepotea.
[The student is saying that his/her notebook is lost.]

23. lakini; walakini [but; however]

- a). Ninapenda tenisi **lakini** sipendi kucheza hoki.
[I like tennis, but I do not like to play hockey.]
- b). Ruth anacheka **lakini** Tom analia.
[Ruth is laughing, but Tom is crying.]

24. na [and; with]

- a). Nitanutua kalamu **na** daftari dukani.
[I will buy pens and a notebook at the store.]
- b). Ninapenda kunywa chai **na** kahawa.
[I like to drink tea and coffee.]

25. pamoja (na) [with; together with]

- a). Rafiki yangu amekuja **pamoja na** watoto wake.
[My friend has come with her children.]
- b). Nilienda dukani **pamoja na** mama yangu.
[I went to the store together with my mother.]

26. pamoja na hayo; juu ya hayo; zaidi ya hayo [moreover; besides]

- a). Hana tiketi ya ndege, **zaidi ya hayo** hana fedha.
[He/She does not have a plane ticket; moreover he/she does not have the money.]
- b). Hana mke, **zaidi ya hayo** hana watoto.
[He/She does not have a wife; moreover he/she does not have children.]

27. tena [again; moreover]

- a). Sijui mtoto huyu, **tena** sijamwona.
[I do not know this child, moreover I have not seen him/her.]
- b). Tafadhali rudia **tena**.
[Please repeat again.]

28. wala [either; neither; nor]

- a). Hakuna mchele **wala** unga.
[There is no uncooked rice nor flour.]
- b). Sikuwaona wanafunzi, **wala** mwalimu wao.
[I did not see the students, nor their teacher.]

29. yaani [that is to say]

- a). Huyu ni mjomba **yaani** kaka wa mama.
[This is the uncle, that is to say mother's brother.]
- b). Huyu ni profesa wangu **yaani** mwalimu wangu.
[This is my professor that is to say my teacher.]
- c). Huyu ni baba wa mama yangu, **yaani** babu yangu.
[This is the father of my mother, that is to say my grandfather.]

30. pia [also]

- a). Niliimba nyimbo na **pia** nilicheza sana.
[I sang songs and I also played a lot.]
- b). Nilikula chakula kingi na **pia** nilikunywa pombe sana.
[I ate a lot of food and I also drank a lot of alcohol.]

31. **ijapokuwa [even though; although]**

a). Nitaenda shuleni **ijapokuwa** mimi ni mgonjwa.

[I will go to school even though I am sick.]

b). Nitapumzika sana **ijapokuwa** nina kazi nyingi ya nyumbani.

[I will rest a lot even though I have a lot of homework.]

32. **licha ya [besides; apart from; in addition]**

a). **Licha ya** kuanguka mitihani wake, John huwa haendi darasani.

[Besides failing his exams, John does not go to class.]

b). **Licha ya** kufika mapema, hakuweza kumwona mfalme.

[Besides arriving early, he was not able to see the king.]

33. **mradi; alimradi [provided]**

a). Atapita mitihani yake **mradi / alimradi** asome kwa bidii.

[He/She will pass his/her exams, provided he/she works hard.]

b). Ataenda kazini **mradi** anunue gari.

[He/She will go to work provided he/she buys a car.]

34. **isipokuwa [except; except for; if it weren't for]**

a). Ningeenda Las Vegas **isipokuwa** sina pesa.

[I would have gone to Las Vegas, except I don't have money.]

b). Ningeepika chakula leo, **isipokuwa** nina wageni.

[I would have cooked food today, except I have visitors.]

35. **laiti [if only I knew; if I had known]**

a). **Laiti** ningejua yeye ni mbaya, nisingeenda kwa nyumba yake.

[Had I known he/she was bad, I would not have gone to his/her house.]

b). **Laiti** ningejua kuwa kupata digrii ni kazi nyingi, nisingeenda chuo kikuu.

[Had I known that getting a degree is hard work, I would not have gone to university.]

36. ilhali [whereas]

- a). Anasema mimi ni mbaya, **ilhali** yeye ana kichaa kuliko mimi.
[He/She claims/says I am bad, whereas he/she is more crazy than me.]
- b). Anasema mwalimu hajui kufundisha, **ilhali** yeye huwa husomi baada ya shule.
[He/She claims/says the teacher does not know how to teach, whereas he/she does not study after school.]

37. fauka ya [apart from that; besides]

- a). Anapenda kuimba, **fauka ya** hayo ni mchezeji mzuri.
[He/She likes singing, besides that he/she is a good dancer.]
- b). Hapendi kuenda mkahawani, **fauka ya** hayo hapendi kula sana.
[He/She does not like to go to the restaurant, besides that he/she does not like eating.]

38. lau [if only]

- a). Nitaenda filamuni **lau** utanunua tiketi.
[I will go to the movie if only you buy the ticket.]
- b). Nitalala hotelini **lau** bei ikiwa nafuu.
[I will sleep at the hotel if only the price is fair.]

39. chambilecho [as said / written by]

- a). **Chambilecho** kaka yangu, mambo gani ya ajabu / kichaa dunia hii ya leo; kila kitu ni sawa.
[As written / said by my brother, there are no crazy things in today's world; everything is the same.]

40. kwa mujibu [according]

- a). **Kwa mujibu** alivyonieleza mimi, yule si mtoto wake ni mtoto wa mke wake.
[According to the way he/she explained to me, that is not his child, it is his wife's child.]
- b). **Kwa mujibu** alivyoomba, yeye ni mtu ambaye anapenda Mungu sana.
[According to the way he/she prayed, he/she is a person who loves God alot.]

41. **seuze; sembuse**

[let alone; much less; to say nothing of]

a). Nilimpiga Mike Tyson, **seuze** wewe.

[I beat Mike Tyson, let alone you.]

b). Nimesafiri pahali pengi duniani, **seuze** Marekani.

[I have travelled to many places in the world, let alone America.]

42. **kwa niaba ya [on behalf of]**

a). Nenda / enda huko karamuni **kwa niaba** yangu.

[Go to the party on my behalf.]

b). Nitaenda mkutanoni **kwa niaba** ya meneja.

[I will go to the meeting on behalf of the manager.]

43. **aghalabu; aghalabu [usually; more often; as a rule]**

a). **Aghalabu** mvua huanza mwezi wa Machi, lakini safari hii, ninaona imechelewa.

[It usually rains in March, but this time I see it is late.]

b). **Aghalabu** mimi hulala usiku kila saa nne.

[I usually sleep at 10 pm at night.]

44. **minghairi [except; without]**

a). Hatuwezi kufanya kazi ya nyumbani, **minghairi** ya kungoja jibu la mwalimu.

[We cannot do the homework, except to wait for the teacher's response.]

b). Hawezi kuuza nyumba, **minghairi** ya kungoja wanunuzi.

[He/She cannot sell the house, except to wait for the customers.]

45. **bila ya [without]**

a). Tuliondoka **bila ya** kaka yangu.

[We left without my brother.]

b). Nilikunywa chai **bila ya** maziwa.

[I drank tea without milk.]

46. baada ya [after]

a). Tulienda mkahawani **baada ya** darasa.

[We went to the restaurant after class.]

b). Nililala **baada ya** chakula cha jioni.

[I slept after dinner.]

47. kabla ya [before]

a). Nilizungumza na mwalimu **kabla ya** darasa.

I talked to the teacher before class.

b). Nilifika darasani **kabla ya** John.

[I arrived to class before John.]

48. ikiwa [if]

a). **Ikiwa** nitaenda Uchina, nitakula chakula cha kichina.

[If I go to China, I will eat Chinese food.]

b). **Ikiwa** nitapita mtihani, nitapata digrii yangu.

[If I will pass the exam, I will get my degree.]

49. mintarafu [concerning; with regard to]

a). Kwa **mintarafu** ya habari tulizopata leo, baba amefika leo.

[According to the news we received today, my father arrived today.]

b). Kwa **mintarafu** ya habari tulizoona leo kwenye televisheni, kuna njaa nyingi nchini Sudan.

[According to the news we watched today on television, there is a lot of famine in Sudan.]

50. kwa ajili ya [because of; in order to]

a). Nimefika hapa **kwa ajili ya** kumwona malkia.

I have arrived here in order to see the queen.

b). Ninasoma **kwa ajili ya** mitihani.

[I am studying because of the examinations.]