

Preposition vs. Conjunction → 20 seconds

Step 1

First of all, check the four answer choices → If they are both prepositions and conjunctions, the question

typically asks about "Linking Words": → Check the "post-blank" structure

Step 2

1. If it is a clause (=S+V+o), then choose a conjunction that best fits the meaning of the sentence.

2. If it is followed by a noun or noun phrase (=without S-V structure), choose a preposition that best fits

the meaning of the sentence.

Example (TOEIC Test Writer's Favorites)

(Logic)

(Cause/ Reason)

(Concession)

(Duration)

(Negative Condition)

(Positive Condition)

Preposition

because of/ owing to/ due to

in spite of/ despite

during

without / except

in the event of

Conjunction

because/ since/ as

(al)though

while

unless (if not)

if