

Conjunctions “и”, “а”, “но”, “тоже”

Part 1. Conjunction “и”

Conjunctions in the Russian language are used to connect words in a sentence.
The conjunction **и** connects the components of a sentence.

Я читаю книгу
и думаю.

I am reading a book and
thinking

Он хорошо говорит
по-английски
и по русски.

He speaks English and Russian
well.

Это мама **и** папа.

It's mom and dad.

Part 2. Conjunction “но”

The conjunction **но** contrasts actions, objects and their characteristics.

Он плохо читает,
но хорошо говорит
по немецки.

He reads German poorly,
but he can speak it well.

Это маленький,
но интересный
город.

This is a small, but interesting
town.

Я плохо говорю
по русски, **но** хорошо
понимаю.

I speak Russian badly,
but I understand it well.

Part 3. Conjunction “а”

The conjunction **а** is used to give a more accurate description of an object or action,
rather than to contrast them.

Москва —
не маленький,
а большой город.

Moscow is not a small,
but a big city.

Меня зовут
не Мария, **а** Марина.

My name is not Maria,
but Marina.

Я не из Америки,
а из Австралии.

I'm not from America,
but Australia.