

# 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.