



### Answer Choice TYPE C : “Linking Words”

(a) : **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+α), 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)

#### Preposition

#### Conjunction

(Cause/ Reason)

because of/ owing to/ due to

because/ since/ as

(Concession)

in spite of/ despite

(al)though

(Duration)

during

while

(Negative Condition)

without / except

unless (if not)

(Positive Condition)

in the event of

if