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цвет золота

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[ɔ:,ə] *сj*

1. *связывает два или несколько предложений или однородных членов предложения, указывает на*

1) *выбор одной из двух возможностей или*

tomorrow or on Sunday - завтра или в воскресенье

open or shut - закрытый или открытый

shall I help you or you'd rather do it yourself? - помочь вам или вы сделаете это сами?

2) *выбор при перечислении или*

black, (or) white, or gray - чёрный, белый или серый

apples, (or) pears or plums - яблоки, груши или сливы

3) *неопределённость или неточность или*

one or two - один или два; один-два

four or five miles - четыре или пять миль

a day or two - день или два; день-два

you may walk ten or over twelve miles there without finding a house - там можно пройти десять-двенадцать миль и не увидеть ни одного дома

or so - около этого, приблизительно почти, что-нибудь вроде этого

he is twenty or so - ему двадцать лет или около этого, ему лет двадцать

it will cost you five pounds or so - это будет стоить вам около пяти фунтов

in a month or so - примерно через месяц

I expect to stay in Moscow a day or so - я думаю пробыть в Москве день-два

2. = or else

don't move or I'll shoot - ни с места, буду стрелять

hurry, or you will be late - торопись, а то опоздаешь

3. *связывает два однородных члена предложения (в отрицательных предложениях или предложениях с отрицательным значением) ни ... ни; (и) без ... и без*

he has not left the key here or at home - он не оставил ключ ни здесь, ни дома

he came without luggage or money - он приехал (и) без вещей и без денег

4. *связывает два однородных члена предложения, из которых второе является пояснением первого или, иначе говоря*

an English pound, or twenty shillings - английский фунт, или 20 шиллингов

botany, or the science of plants - ботаника, или наука о растениях

5. *служит для исправления, уточнения сказанного ранее точнее, точнее говоря, скорее говоря*

his autobiography, or rather memoirs, is ready for publication - его автобиография или, точнее, мемуары, готовы к изданию

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or BrE [ɔːr] ^m NAmE [ɔːr] ^m conjunction

1. used to introduce another possibility

• Is your sister older or younger than you?

• Are you coming or not?

• Is it a boy or a girl?

• It can be black, white or grey.

compare either ... or ...

2. used in negative sentences when mentioning two or more things

• He can't read or write.

• There are people without homes, jobs or family.

compare neither ... nor ...

3. (*also* **or else**) used to warn or advise sb that sth bad could happen; otherwise

• Turn the heat down or it'll burn.

4. used between two numbers to show approximately how many

• There were six or seven of us there.

5. used to introduce a word or phrase that explains or means the same as another

• geology, or the science of the earth's crust

• It weighs a kilo, or just over two pounds.

6. used to say why sth must be true

• He must like her, or he wouldn't keep calling her.

7. used to introduce a contrasting idea

• He was lying— or was he?

Idioms: †or so ▪ †or somebody ▪ †somebody or other

See also: †or else

Word Origin:

[**or**] Middle English: a reduced form of the obsolete conjunction other (which superseded Old English oththe 'or'), of uncertain ultimate origin.

or **S1 W1** /ə; *strong* ɔɪ\$ ər *strong* ɔɪf **BrE** ¹ **AmE** ¹ *conjunction*

[Language: Old English; Origin: oththe]

1. POSSIBILITIES/CHOICES used between two words or phrases to show that either of two things is possible, or used before the last in a list of possibilities or choices:

- Shall we go out to the cinema or stay at home?
- You can have ham, cheese, or tuna.

... or **anything/something spoken** (=or something of the same kind)

- Would you like a coffee or something?
- She wasn't involved in drugs or anything like that.
- Grapes are usually either green or red.
- He's going to do it whether we like it or not.
- You must do the job yourself or else employ someone else to do it. ⇒ †either¹

2. AND NOT used after a negative verb when you mean not one thing and also not another thing:

- He doesn't have a television or a video.
- Sonia never cleans or even offers to wash the dishes.

3. AVOIDING BAD RESULT used to say that something bad could happen if someone does not do a particular thing:

- Wear your coat or you'll catch cold.
- Hurry up or we'll be late.
- I had to defend myself or else he'd have killed me.
- You'd better hand over the money, or else (=used to threaten someone).

4. CORRECTION used to correct something that you have said or to give more specific information:

- It's going to snow tomorrow, or that's what the forecast says.
- John picked us up in his car, or rather his dad's car which he'd borrowed.
- We've cleaned it all up, or at least most of it.

5. PROOF used to prove that something must be true, by saying that the situation would be different if it was not true:

- He must be at home, or his car wouldn't be here.
- It's obviously not urgent or else they would have called us straight away.

6. UNCERTAIN AMOUNTS used to show that you are guessing at an amount or number because you cannot be exact:

- The boy was three or four years of age.
- I saw Donald leaving a minute or two ago.
- There's a motel a mile or so down the road (=about a mile or possibly a little more).

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- **or conjunction** used between two possibilities or choices, or before the last one in a list of possibilities or choices: Don't get the chemicals on your hands or your clothes. | Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.
- **alternatively adverb** used when giving another choice apart from the one you have already mentioned: Use a pair of scissors or, alternatively, a very sharp knife. | You can go up into the mountains. Alternatively, you can stroll around one of Switzerland's delightful cities.
- **on the one hand ... on the other (hand)** used when giving two very different ideas or opinions about something, especially when they need to be balanced against each other: On the one hand, I don't want to hurt his feelings, but on the other, I don't want to be miserable for the rest of my life.

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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