

# Conjunctions



A conjunction is a part of speech used to...  
**connect words, phrases,  
clauses or sentences.**

## Correlative Conjunctions

either...or  
not only...but (also)  
neither...nor  
both...and  
whether...or

## Coordinating Conjunctions

for  
and  
nor  
but  
or  
yet

POP

SMASH

POW

## Subordinating Conjunctions

only if	when	which	than	before
once	whereas	whoever	that	because
now that	while	in case	though	until
after	whenever	if	till	since
although	while	if only	even	so that
as	where	if then	even if	

# Conjunctions:

**Conjunctions** are used to join clauses, phrases, and words together for constructing sentences. Conjunctions make a link between words or groups of words to other parts of the sentence and show a relationship between them.

## Example:

- Alex and Robin are playing together.
- Alex plays well, but Robin plays better than him.
- I play cricket, and Robin plays football.
- When he was sick, I went to see him.

## Types of Conjunctions:

### **Coordinating Conjunctions:**

The job of a **coordinating conjunction** is to join two words, phrases, or independent clauses, which are equal in importance. There are seven coordinating conjunctions which are by far the most common conjunctions:

for  
and  
nor  
but  
or  
yet  
so

One way to remember the coordinating conjunctions is by remembering FATBOYS. Look back at the conjunctions above. Using the first letter of each word, you will spell FATBOYS.

Here are a few example sentences using coordinating conjunctions.

- We went to the stadium and enjoyed the cricket match.
- Do you want an ice cream or chocolate?
- I want to go to the park but I also want to go to the store.



## Correlative Conjunctions:

A **correlative conjunction** uses *a set of words* to show a *contrast* or to *compare* two equal parts of a sentence.

Here is a list of common correlative conjunctions:

either...or  
neither...nor  
not only...but also  
both...and  
whether...or  
so...as



Here are a few example sentences using correlative conjunctions:

- Neither Alex nor Robin can play baseball.
- I want both ice cream and
- He ate not only the ice cream but also the chocolate.

## Subordinating Conjunctions:

A **subordinating conjunction** joins to unequal parts of a sentence together. These elements are usually a dependent clause and an independent clause. There are many subordinating conjunctions. Because there are so many, it may be helpful to remember this phrase: On A White Bus

Here is a list of common subordinating conjunctions (listed by using "On a White Bus")

O: only if, once, now that

A: after, although, as

Wh: when, whereas, while, whenever, whether or not, while, where which, whoever

i: in case, if, if only, is when, if then, in order that

t: than, that, though, till

e: even, even if, even though

B: before, because

u: unless, until

s: since, so that

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Here are a few example sentences using subordinating conjunctions:

- Before we left home, I had had my breakfast.
- When he was washing my car, I went to the store.
- Even though the weather was horrible, they still went outside.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Using Coordinating Conjunctions

Fill in the blanks with coordinating conjunctions to complete each sentence using words from the word bank.

for	but	so
but	so	or

1. Malia doesn't like pears, \_\_\_\_\_ she traded her pear for an orange.

2. It was lightning, \_\_\_\_\_ the game had to be postponed.

3. I wore my blue dress, \_\_\_\_\_ everyone was dressing up.

4. My dog is brown and white, \_\_\_\_\_ my cat is all black.

5. The cat slept on the bed, \_\_\_\_\_ the dog slept on the floor.

6. You can choose to pass \_\_\_\_\_ fail this class.

Write your own sentence below using one of the above coordinating conjunction. Circle the conjunction.

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Using Correlative Conjunctions

Fill in the blanks with correlative conjunctions to complete each sentence using words from the word bank.

not only	but also	Either	nor	or
not only	neither	Both	and	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ the ambulance came when the house next door was on fire.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Wyatt \_\_\_\_\_ Christine will have to do the hard part.

3. The little dog \_\_\_\_\_ raised her pups \_\_\_\_\_ a little piglet.

4. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ eats vegetables, but he also exercises every day.

5. Ben Franklin said, "Waste \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ money, but make the best use of both."

Write your own sentence below using one of the above coordinating conjunction. Circle the conjunction.

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Using subordinating Conjunctions

Use each subordinating conjunction in a sentence.  
In each sentence, circle the conjunction.

after  
although

while  
before

even if  
unless

now that



1.

PREVIEW

2.

\_\_\_\_\_

3.

\_\_\_\_\_

4.

\_\_\_\_\_

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7.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Conjunction? Worksheet #1

Circle the correct conjunction type.

1. Sam did not turn in his homework, nor did he study for the test.

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2. Although Kathy loves chocolate, she chose vanilla ice cream so her mom could eat the last of the chocolate ice cream.

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3. While Beth is sleeping, she can't be bothered.

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Correlative Conjunction

Subordinating Conjunction

4. Clyde was both happy and sad that school was over.

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Correlative Conjunction

Subordinating Conjunction

5. I want either a pony or a parrot.

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6. Sam was afraid, so he hid.

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Correlative Conjunction

Subordinating Conjunction

7. We are having either pizza or tacos for lunch.

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Correlative Conjunction

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8. My garden has beautiful daisies and sunflowers.

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9. Do you know whether you are going to the party or the baseball game?

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## Answer Keys

### Using Coordinating Conjunctions

- 1 Malia doesn't like pears, **so** she traded her pear for an orange.
- 2 It was lightning, **so** the game had to be postponed.
- 3 I wore my blue dress, **for** everyone was dressing up.
- 4 My dog **is** brown and white, **but** my cat is all black.
- 5 The cat slept on the bed, **but** the dog slept on the floor.
- 6 You can choose to pass **or** fail this class.
- 7 Answers will vary

### Using Correlative Conjunctions

- 1 **Both** the firefighters **and** the ambulance came when the house next door was on fire.
- 2 **Either** Wyatt **or** Christine will have to do the hard part.
- 3 The little dog **not only** raised her pups **but also** a little piglet.
- 4 Charles **not only** eats vegetables, but he also exercises every day.
- 5 Ben Franklin said, "Waste **neither** time **nor** money, but make the best use of both."
- 6 Answers will vary

### Using Subordinating Conjunctions

- 1 His tanned skin got darker **while** he played outside in his parents' pool.
- 2 **When** you return from the trip to Hawaii, you will know how to water ski and surf.
- 3 **Even though** Amy was afraid of dogs, she still tried to like them.
- 4 Mitchell wanted a green poster board, **whereas** his mom had gotten him a blue poster board.
- 5 Mr. Jenkins is really nice person, **although** he's not a very good math teacher.
- 6 **When** the lights turn on, the dance is over.

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