Conjunctions

A conjunction is a part of speech used to...

connect wo<mark>r</mark>ds, phrases, clauses or sentences.

Correlative Conjunctions

either...or

not only...but (also)

neither...nor

both...and

whether...or



for and nor but or

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Subordinating Conjunctions

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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 <u>and</u> 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

s S

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 <u>but</u> 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 <u>not only</u> the ice cream <u>but also</u> 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"

On: 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

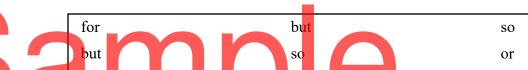


Here are a few example sentences using subordinating conjunctions:

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



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

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.

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

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

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Using Correlative Conjunctions

Fill in the blanks with correlative conjunctions to complete each sentence using words from the word not only Either but also nor or not only neither Both and the firefighters the ambulance came when the house next door was on fire. Christine will have to do the **Wyatt** hard part. 3. The little dog _____ a little piglet. 4. Charles _____ eats vegetables, but he also exercises every day. 5. Ben Franklin said, "Waste money, but make the best use of both." Write your own sentence below using one of the above coordinating conjucction. Circle the conjunction.

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Use each subordinating conjunction in a sentence. In each sentence, circle the conjunction. after while even if now that although before unless	
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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 Conjuctions

- 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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