

# Conjunctions

A conjunction connects words, phrases, and clauses.

There are 3 types...

Coordinating Conjunctions

Correlative Conjunctions

Subordinating Conjunctions

# Coordinating Conjunctions

...are words that connect similar elements within a sentence such as multiple independent clauses, verbs, or subjects.

There are six coordinating conjunctions:

**and, but, or, nor, so, yet**

*Examples:*

*Mabel, Joan, **and** Myrtle arrived early.*

*They arrived out of breath **and** out of money.*

*Joan will drive, Mabel will navigate, **and** Myrtle will read.*

*Sally **and** Jill decided to swim in the lake **but** not in the river.*

*Those cats are loud, **yet** I do not mind.*

# Correlative Conjunctions

...link together similar components of a sentence and are technically composed of a coordinating conjunction and an adjective/adverb.

Correlative conjunctions are:

either / or  
both / and

neither / nor  
as / as (positive)  
not only / but also

whether / not  
so / as (negative)

*Examples:*

***Neither** the dog **nor** the cat was bothered by the noise.*

*Once the winds die down, bring in **both** the horse **and** his saddle out to the corral.*

***Not only** the student **but also** the instructor missed the error.*

***Either** the heroine committed the murder, **or** the butler framed her.*

*Mable talks incessantly **not only** on the phone **but also** in person.*

# Subordinating Conjunctions

...introduce a dependent clause and show how it relates to the dependant clause.

Subordinating conjunctions include:

although, if, whenever, because, unless, after, as long as, as if, even though, since, when, how, whether, etc...

*Examples:*

***If** you decide to go to the picnic (dependent clause), we will accompany you (independent clause).*

***Once** we finish learning about Beethoven, we will begin our discussion about his music.*

***If** the paper does not fit the professor's requirement, you will have to rewrite it.*