

Conjunctions

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There are two kinds of conjunctions in writing: coordinate and subordinate.

1. Coordinate Conjunctions

Coordinate Conjunctions joins word, phrases, or independent clauses.

Here is a list of coordinating conjunctions: **and, nor, but, for, yet, so, and or.**

Let's look at some sentences that have coordinating conjunctions. In each exercise, underline the coordinating conjunction(s).

Exercises

1. You can go to the movie this weekend, but you have to finish your homework first.
2. We cleaned up our rooms so we could go to the park.
3. Tom and Mary liked to go swimming, and they like to eat out.
4. It's been raining hard everyday, so I hope it quits soon.
5. We can rent a video, or we can go to the movies.
6. While we study, you and I can take turns, but we must get done by 9pm.
7. It is raining outside, yet it seems that the sun is out and the day is neither raining nor sunny.
8. Whenever I call, it goes straight to voicemail or you don't pick up; but, I will still call again.

2. Subordinate Conjunctions

Subordinate Conjunctions: These conjunctions join a dependent clause and an independent clause. Dependent clauses cannot stand alone like the independent clauses. As a result, the dependent clause needs a subordinate conjunction to join the independent clause.

Here are some examples of subordinate conjunctions: **after, although, before, so, unless, whether, wherever, whenever, since, once,** etc.

Let's look at some exercises and see if you can find the subordinating conjunctions. In each exercise, underline the coordinating conjunction(s).

Exercises

1. While you stay home, I'll go to the store.
2. We can go shopping unless you need to do something else.
3. It's time to go to school if you are ready to go.
4. Before we go to the movies, we can get something to eat.
5. I'm eager to see this video after we get our homework done.
6. Before midnight and when the clock strikes 12, we need to get home since our parents gave us a curfew.
7. I went to the mall although I didn't really have to go shopping and whether I did or didn't, I made good use of my time.
8. I decided to raise my hand in class since nobody else wanted to answer the question.