

Conjunctions

All of these words, and many more,
are **conjunctions!!!**

for

or

than

before

if

even though

while

wherever

whether

and

nor

since

so

then

although

yet

unless

because

until

but

where

Let us take a closer

look

What is a conjunction?

- **Conjunction** is the name for those common words that are used to join (*conjoin*) parts of sentences. Also, conjunctions may be used to begin certain sentences.
- There are two different types of conjunctions: **coordinating conjunctions** and **subordinating conjunctions**.
- Conjunctions sometimes work in pairs and are called **correlative conjunctions**.



Coordinating Conjunctions

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Use this acronym to remember your coordinating conjunctions:

For
And
Nor
But
Or
Yet
So

Use them between two independent clauses.

Coordinating Conjunctions cont...

Coordinating conjunctions are used to join words, phrases, and independent clauses.

Examples of coordinating conjunctions in sentences:

Ex. He only wears striped ties **and** polka dotted bow ties. (*And* joins two words.)

Ex. The shoes were not blue suede **nor** black leather. (*Nor* joins two phrases.)

Ex. It wasn't a costume party, **yet** many came dressed as literary villains. (*Yet* joins two independent clauses.)

Subordinate Conjunctions

These conjunctions are used to express relationships between a dependent and an independent clause.

When to Use Common Subordinate Conjunctions:

Reason	Subordinate Conjunction
Regarding time	after, before, once, since, until, when, whenever, while
To communicate a reason/cause	as, because, since
To communicate a result/effect	in order that, so, so that, that
To communicate a condition	if, even if, unless
To communicate contrast	although, even though, though, whereas
Regarding location	where, wherever
Regarding a choice	than, whether

Subordinate Conjunctions cont....

Subordinate conjunctions often begin a dependent clause. If the dependent clause begins or interrupts the sentence, then it is separated from the independent clause by a comma.

Examples of subordinate conjunctions in sentences:

Ex. Once she found the perfect broach, she purchased three outfits to match it. (*Once* demonstrates a time context. A comma is used because the conjunction begins the sentence.)

Ex. He wore the top hat **wherever** he went. (*Wherever* demonstrates a location context. Though *wherever* begins the dependent clause, no comma is used because it does not begin the sentence or interrupt the sentence.)

Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions are two separate conjunctions that appear together in the sentence

Common Correlative Conjunctions and Examples:

both, and

Ex. **Both** maroon **and** gray accent nicely.

either, or

Ex. I like to wear **either** pants **or** capris.

neither, nor

Ex. **Neither** the shirt **nor** the jacket fit.

not only, but (also)

Ex. **Not only** one button fell off, **but** all of them.

whether, or

Ex. **Whether or** not you wear nice clothes, you have to wear clothes.