

CONJUNCTIONS

What are conjunctions?

Words used to connect words, phrases, clauses and sentences are called conjunctions.

There are two types of conjunction: coordinating and subordinating.

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Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions are used to join two main clauses together; both parts of the sentence are of equal importance. We remember these as 'FANBOYS'.



E.g The sun was shining, **so** the people got burnt.
The seagulls sang **and** the sea came in.

I wanted to play outside, **but** it was pouring with rain.

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are used to join a main clause and a subordinate clause. There are many subordinating conjunctions; we can remember some of them by using 'A WHITE BUS'.



A	WH	I	T	E	B	U	S
although as after	wherever whenever when whereas whether which	if in case in order that	though till that	even though even if	because before	until unless	since

E.g **While** the breeze blew, people flew colourful kites.

Even though I was late for the bus, I still got to school on time.

Beatrice brushed her hair **before** she left for school.

The subordinating conjunction can come at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence depending on which way around the clauses are.