**Coordinating Conjunctions**

Coordinating conjunctions allow you to join words, phrases, and clauses of equal grammatical rank in a sentence. The most common coordinating conjunctions are *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so;* you can remember them by using the mnemonic device **FANBOYS.**

**Examples:**

* The data was gathered through questionnaires **and** interviews.
* I don’t like to run **or** swim.
* He was clever **but** lazy.

**Correlative Conjunctions**

Correlative conjunctions are pairs of conjunctions that work together. Some examples are ***either/or, neither/nor,*** and ***not only/but also.***

**Examples:**

* **Not only** am I finished studying for English, **but** I’m **also** finished writing my history essay. I am finished with both my English essay and my history essay.
* She planned to collect data by **either** using an online survey **or** conducting phone interviews.

**Subordinating Conjunctions**

Subordinating conjunctions join independent and dependent clauses. A subordinating conjunction can signal a cause-and-effect relationship, a contrast, or some other kind of relationship between the clauses. Common subordinating conjunctions are ***because, since, as, although, though, while, and whereas.*** Sometimes an adverb, such as *until, after,* or *before* can function as a conjunction.

**Examples:**

* **Because** I woke up late this morning, I went to school without eating breakfast.
* I went to school without eating breakfast **because** I woke up late this morning.

**Which of the given conjunctions fits best?**

1. I like sugar in my tea, *and / but / so* I don't like milk in it.
2. Listen to the story *and / because / but* answer the questions in complete sentences.
3. Is it Thursday *or / and / also* Friday today?
4. He was late *but / because / firstly* the bus didn't come.
5. They climbed the mountain *therefore / although / but* it was very windy.
6. *However / While / Since* Lenny was watching the planes his wife was reading in the car.
7. I'll text you *since / when / and* I have arrived in Toronto.
8. I visit the Grand Canyon *once / whenever / wherever* I go to Arizona.
9. You won’t pass the test *when / if / unless* you study.

**Which of the given conjunctions fits best?**

**Words:** *nor, however, while, so that, although*

1. Neither my brother \_\_\_\_ my sister own a car.
2. It snowed heavily \_\_\_\_ the football game continued.
3. \_\_\_\_ Lenny was watching the planes his wife was reading in the car.
4. I need to work hard \_\_\_\_\_ I can pass the exam.
5. \_\_\_\_ he was the best candidate, he didn't win the elections.