

Here's a detailed guide to **Conjunctions** with explanations, examples, and exercises.

1. What Are Conjunctions?

Conjunctions are words used to connect:

- **Words:** Jack **and** Jill.
 - **Phrases:** Walking **and** talking.
 - **Clauses:** I wanted to help, **but** I didn't know how.
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2. Types of Conjunctions

A. Coordinating Conjunctions

These join two or more elements of equal importance.

- **FANBOYS:** For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So.

Examples:

1. She wants to go to the park, **but** it's raining.
 2. You can have tea **or** coffee.
 3. I was tired, **so** I went to bed early.
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B. Subordinating Conjunctions

These connect a dependent clause (subordinate clause) to an independent clause.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions:

- Cause/Reason
: because, since, as.
 - I stayed home **because** it was raining.
 - Time
: when, while, before, after, until.
 - Call me **when** you arrive.
 - Condition
: if, unless, provided that.
 - You can play outside **if** you finish your homework.
 - Contrast
: although, even though, though.
 - **Although** it was late, she kept working.
 - Purpose/Result
: so that, in order that.
 - She left early **so that** she could catch the train.
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C. Correlative Conjunctions

These come in pairs and work together to join elements.

Common Correlative Conjunctions:

- either...or
- neither...nor
- both...and
- not only...but also
- whether...or

Examples:

1. You can **either** stay here **or** come with me.
 2. He is **not only** smart **but also** hardworking.
 3. She enjoys **both** reading **and** writing.
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3. Rules for Using Conjunctions

1. Don't overuse coordinating conjunctions:

- ❌ I wanted to go, **and** I was late, **and** it started raining.
- ✅ I wanted to go, **but** I was late, **and** it started raining.

2. Avoid sentence fragments after subordinating conjunctions:

- ❌ **Because** I was tired.
- ✅ I didn't go out **because** I was tired.

3. Match pairs of correlative conjunctions:

- ❌ She is **either** coming **nor** staying.
 - ✅ She is **either** coming **or** staying.
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4. Common Mistakes

1. Using a coordinating conjunction without a comma in compound sentences:

- ❌ I was hungry **but** I didn't eat.
- ✅ I was hungry, **but** I didn't eat.

2. Mixing up correlative pairs:

- ❌ You can **either** have coffee **and** tea.
- ✅ You can **either** have coffee **or** tea.

3. Using subordinating conjunctions redundantly:

- ❌ **Although** she was late, **but** she still attended the meeting.
 - ✅ **Although** she was late, she still attended the meeting.
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5. Practice Questions

Fill in the Blanks

1. I stayed up late last night, ___ I am very tired today. (and, so, or)
2. She enjoys _ **reading** _ writing in her free time. (both...and, neither...nor)
3. We decided to leave early ___ it started raining. (because, but, although)
4. ___ you call me, I will help you. (If, Unless, When)
5. You can _ **stay here** _ come with us. (either...or, both...and)

Correct the Errors

1. I like pizza, and pasta, but I don't like sushi.
 2. He not only enjoys cooking but also to bake.
 3. Because it was raining.
 4. She didn't study but she still passed the exam.
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6. Writing Practice

1. Write five sentences using **coordinating conjunctions**.
2. Write five sentences using **subordinating conjunctions**.
3. Write five sentences using **correlative conjunctions**.

Would you like further examples or clarification on a specific type of conjunction?