

Conjunction: Coordinating

A conjunction is a word that connects words or groups of words.

Coordinating conjunctions connect two independent words, phrases, or clauses. They include *and*, *but*, *or*, *nor*, *for*, *so*, and *yet*.

Here are some examples of how coordinating conjunctions are used:

Rashida ate cake *and* ice cream for dessert.

I wanted to wear my hair up, *but* everyone thinks it looks better down.

I will wear red *or* yellow flowers in my hair.

He cannot tell a lie, *for* he is quite honest.

We are leaving the party soon, *so* grab your coat.

Thien is cruel, *yet* his younger brother is extremely kind.

Practice

Once the student has reviewed the use of conjunctions, it may be helpful for him or her to examine the conjunctions used in various reading materials, such as books or newspapers. Together, read sentences that include conjunctions, and ask the student to identify them.

For example: The picnic will be scheduled for Thursday or Friday.

Student response: The word "or" is a coordinating conjunction.

Below is a list of example sentences to get the student started.

-Rosalie or Rachel will pick you up from the airport.

-Mao threw the football, yet the team could not score a touchdown.

-Adan and Ruby took turns drying the dishes.

-I will return your notebook, for I know how annoying it is to lose your valuables.