

## Conjunction: Correlating

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

Correlating conjunctions are always used in pairs, and work together to connect parts of a sentence. Correlating conjunctions include: *both . . . and, whether . . . or, neither . . . nor, not only . . . but also.*

Example use of correlating conjunctions:

I happen to appreciate both rock and rap musical styles.

Let me know whether I should blow up balloons or just use streamers to decorate for the party.

Sarah is fond of neither dogs nor cats.

She liked to read not only for school, but also for fun.

Note: correlating conjunctions join elements of the same class. This includes nouns with nouns, verbs with verbs, etc.

### Practice

In order for the student to master the use of correlating conjunctions, he or she should create a list of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs to join together. Using this list, the student can create various sentences using alternating correlating conjunctions. This will help the student to identify and use correlating conjunctions correctly.

For example:

#### Nouns

sugar, cream

peanuts, raisins

panda bear, sea lion

#### Verbs

running, jumping

kiss, hug

bother, harass

#### Adjectives

furry, soft

bright, pastel

rough, calm

#### Adverbs

quickly, slowly

carelessly, thoughtfully

rudely, kindly

Now have the student create sentences using correlating conjunctions to connect the pairs above.

Mr. Geronimo's wife always held his hand, whether he was behaving rudely or kindly.

Not only does Grandma greet us with a hug, but we also get a kiss.

Minerva wears both bright and pastel colors.

Not only did we get to see the panda bear at the zoo, but also we visited the sea lion.