

Coordinating conjunctions are used to connect **independent clauses** together:

*James wanted a piece of cake. He was on a diet. = James wanted a piece of cake, **but** he was on a diet.*

*It was a long journey. I am feeling very tired now. = It was a long journey, **so** I am feeling very tired now.*

When two independent clauses are joined with a coordinating conjunction, a **comma** needs to be placed before the conjunction.

When a conjunction connects two independent clauses together, a **compound** sentence is created.

Coordinating conjunction examples:

There are seven coordinating conjunctions: **and, but, for, nor, or, so, yet**

FANBOYS conjunctions

The seven coordinating conjunctions can be remembered using the mnemonic FANBOYS:

For, **A**nd, **N**or, **B**ut, **O**r, **Y**et, **S**o

What is a subordinating conjunction?

A subordinating conjunction is used to connect an **independent clause** to a **subordinate clause** (also known as a dependent clause).

Some subordinating conjunctions are used to **show cause and effect** between the clauses within a sentence:

*I took the week off work **because** of my illness.*

*Tom will be late for school **unless** he catches the bus.*

*Jared booked a train ticket **so that** he could travel to London on Tuesday.*

*Janey was upset that she didn't pass the test **since** she had studied hard.*