
Coordinating Conjunctions

Introduction

1) Conjunctions are words that link other words, phrases, clauses, or sentences together.

*Susan is an amazing wife **and** a wonderful mom.*

2) There are many types of conjunctions. Among them there are coordinating conjunctions. They are used to link words, phrases, and clauses of equal importance in a sentence.

*Sam complains about his job, **yet** he doesn't try to find a new one.*

There are seven coordinating conjunctions – *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so* (you can remember them with the help of the acronym *FANBOYS*):

*They couldn't afford to rent the apartment, **for** it was too expensive.*

*You can't have your cake **and** eat it.*

*Samantha doesn't want to go out, **nor** does she invite us to her place.*

*I was quite anxious at the beginning, **but** eventually I managed to pull myself together.*

*You can call me **or** send a message when you get off from work.*

*Ben says that he is busy all the time, **yet** he has time to play online games every day.*

*Bill is allergic to dairy, **so** he doesn't eat any cheese.*

Short Story Dialogue

- My brother's birthday is coming up, **yet** I have zero ideas as to what to get him.
- Well, I doubt that gadgets are on your list, **for** they're too expensive. Maybe there's something he likes a lot?
- He definitely loves cinema **and** everything cinema-related, **but** I'm not sure what I can buy.
- I heard of this online shop where you can buy actual movie posters. Just find out what movie he likes the most, **so** you can get exactly what he wants.
- That's an awesome idea! Thanks a lot!

Independent Practice – Coordinating Conjunctions

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- b. Lilly wanted to thank the stranger, *for/but* he was nowhere to be seen.
- c. I wasn't in the mood to cook dinner, *but/so* we ordered a take-out.
- d. They didn't like our proposal *and/nor* did they suggest anything else.
- e. I wanted to see my friend in Seattle, *but/so* I got sick and couldn't go that weekend.
- f. There was something charming *and/nor* elegant in the way she spoke.
- g. He can't call you right now, *for/and* there is no cell reception.
- h. Their family lives in different states, *yet/so* they don't often spend holidays together.
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