



Conjunctions

Definition

A conjunction is a word that joins two words, phrases, or sentences together.

Examples:

1. Sumit likes to eat cake and chocolate.
2. Shreya is a singer, but Mithun is an actor.
3. Would you like tea or coffee?

In each case, the words and, but, and or are conjunctions.

Kinds of Conjunctions

There are mainly two types of conjunctions:

Coordinating Conjunctions

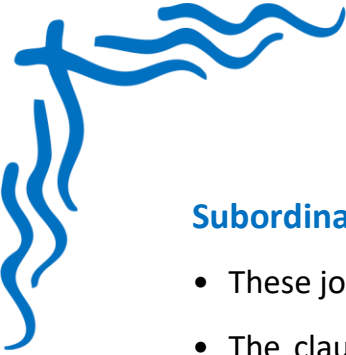
- They join two parts of equal grammatical rank, such as words, phrases, or independent clauses.
- These parts can stand independently.

Examples:

1. I saw a hippo and a giraffe.
2. Madhu is clever, but Reema is foolish.
3. Work hard or you will fail in the exam.

Common Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS):

Letter	Conjunction
F	For
A	And
N	Nor
B	But
O	Or
Y	Yet
S	So



Subordinating Conjunctions

- These join a main clause and a dependent (subordinate) clause.
- The clauses are not equal; the subordinate clause depends on the main clause for complete meaning.

Examples:

1. Virat cannot play today's match because he is injured.
2. Priya called me when I was eating my breakfast.
3. We eat food so that we may live.
4. I will help you if you ask me.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions:

because, when, if, although, though, before, after, so that, as soon as, whereas, since, unless

Points to Remember

- A conjunction joins words, phrases, or clauses.
- Coordinating conjunctions join equal parts (FANBOYS).
- Subordinating conjunctions join a main and a dependent clause.
- Proper use of conjunctions improves the flow and clarity of writing.