# Coordinating Conjunctions

## What is a conjunction?

A conjunction is a word used to connect clauses or sentences. They can also distinguish a relationship between words within the same clause. They consist of a group of small words, and there are two distinct types: coordinating conjunctions and conjunctive adverbs

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A coordinating conjunction is a small group of words, also known by the acronym FANBOYS. These words are specifically used to show coordination between sentences or clauses. In other words, they distinguish an equality between items.

**For**—prep. Used to indicate the recipient, object, or goal of an action or activity.

**And**—conj. Together with or alone with; as well as, added to; as a result.

**Nor**—conj. And not; or not; not either.

**But**—conj. On the contrary, contrary to, expectation; however. Except.

**Or**—conj. Used to indicate: an alternative.

**Yet**—adv. At this time; now. Up to a specified time; thus far. In the time remaining.

**So**—-adv. In the manner expressed or indicated; thus: to such an extent.

## What is a conjunctive adverb?

A conjunctive adverb shows a sequence or cause/effect relationship. These can be helpful to remember through the acronym HOTSHOT CAT. The difference between these conjunctions is that they represent subornation between sentences and clauses. In other words, they distinguish an inequality between items.

**However**—adv. By whatever manner or means. To whatever degree or extent. Nevertheless; yet.

**Otherwise**—adv. In another way; differently; under other circumstances.

**Therefore**—adv. For that reason; consequently.

**Similarly**—adj. Showing some resemblance; alike though not identical.

**Hence**—adv. For this reason; therefore. From this time, from this place. Away.

**On the other hand**—

**Then**—adv. At that time in the past. Next in time, space or order. In that case; accordingly.

**Consequently**—adj. Following as an effect, result, or conclusion.

**Also**—adv. Besides; in addition; too. Conj. And in addition. Besides; in additional; too.

**Thus**—adv. In this manner, to a stated degree or extent; so. Consequently; hence to a stated degree.

**Remember:** When these are used between sentences, they must be punctuated correctly.

**Example:** Ants are highly social insects, and they live in highly organized colonies.

Madonna continues to be a popular singer; on the other hand, she can also act.

The soldiers looked good in parades. Consequently, the queen was very proud.