Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions are used to connect words, phrases, and simple sentences. Some common coordinating conjunctions are **for, and, nor, but, or, yet,** and **so.**

Use **and** to connect words, phrases, or sentences that go together or are alike.

My sister is going to France and Spain this summer.

Use **but** to show a contrast.

My brother loves apples but hates apple pie.

Use **or** to show a choice.

Today we can go to the beach or the park.

Use **so** to tell that something happens because of something else

I forgot to set my alarm, so I was late for school.

Use **nor** as a replacement of *neither:*

The virus cannot live in immunized individuals, nor in nature.

Use **for** as a replacement of "*because*"

I don't want to see that movie, for it is not my kind of movie.

Use **yet** to show contrast or conflict:
Mike is such a perfectionist, yet his bedroom is really messy.

Complete the sentence with the best conjunction.

1. **Whales can't breathe underwater, ____ they must surface for air.**

   but **so**

2. **The space station was enormous ___ weightless.**

   yet **or**

3. **Neither Andy ___ Dany wanted to visit their uncle.**

   but **nor**

4. **My aunt lost her diamond ring ___ pearl necklace yesterday!**

   so **and**

5. **You can't walk to school ____ it is raining!**

   for **yet**

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