

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