

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