

Connectors



A **coordinating conjunction** joins two independent clauses to form a compound sentence. Use a comma between the first independent clause and the coordinating conjunction. **Example:** *I deserve to relax, and that's what I am going to do.* The mnemonic "**FAN BOYS**" will help you remember the coordinating conjunctions.

For And Nor But Or Yet So

DIRECTIONS: Use one of the coordinating conjunctions above to complete each sentence. Use each word only once.

1. George didn't feel well, _____ he still came to school.
2. We left early, _____ we have some errands to run.
3. I have been working all day, _____ now I am tired.
4. I did my best, _____ I still didn't win the race.
5. I needed some help, _____ I called a friend.
6. I didn't study, _____ have I been doing my homework.
7. I will buy a new mattress, _____ I will start sleeping on the floor.

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DIRECTIONS: Use *if* or *unless* to complete each sentence.

1. We won't get there _____ we get this tire fixed.
 2. Jack said he'd give me a ride _____ I need one.
 3. I won't call him _____ I am running late.
 4. They'll be hungry _____ they eat their breakfast.
 5. I will stop by the store _____ I have time.
 6. The trash can will overflow _____ you put that in there.
 7. I'll stay inside today _____ the sun comes out.
 8. I'll go with you _____ you buy my ticket too.
 9. Jewel pouts _____ you give her what she wants.
 10. I will scream _____ I see a snake.
 11. You'll be sorry _____ you don't do your homework.
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DIRECTIONS: Choose a **subordinating conjunction** to connect each pair of sentences. Write your new sentence.

despite although even if since unless while

1. I frequently buy original paintings. I really love art.
2. I have a large art collection. I don't have much money.
3. I am going to learn how to paint. The class may be cancelled.
4. I can teach myself with You Tube videos. There may be no class.
5. I think I would be a good painter. I have never tried to paint.
6. I will be quiet. At the same time, you can admire the art.