Coordinating Conjunctions

| and | or | for | nor | so | but | yet |

Above is a list of the coordinating conjunctions. These are used to join two items/clauses of equal importance.

“and” (+) and “nor” (-) are used to show an agreement between items/clauses.

“yet”, and “but” are used to show a disagreement between clauses.

“for” and “so” are used to show a reason between clauses.

“or” is used to show agreement or disagreement between items/clauses.

Remember, when using a coordinating conjunction to join two independent clauses (complete thoughts) you must insert a comma before the conjunction.

**Example:** I want to buy the new jacket, but it is too expensive.

In this example, there are two independent clauses:

1. “I want to buy the new jacket.” (complete thought)
2. “It is too expensive.” (complete thought)

These clauses are separated by a **comma** and the conjunction **“but”** which is used to show disagreement.

**Directions:** Circle each independent clause in the sentences below (Some sentences may only have one). Next, say whether the conjunction is used to show an agreement, disagreement, or reason.

1. I normally like to run, but today I am walking.
   - agreement / disagreement / reason

2. I like strawberry and chocolate ice cream.
   - agreement/disagreement/reason

3. I am smarter than my brother, yet he still got a higher grade on the test.
   - agreement / disagreement / reason

4. I don’t make good grades, nor do I try very hard in school.
   - agreement / disagreement / reason

5. It is raining outside today, so I think I will wear my raincoat.
   - agreement / disagreement / reason
6. He is always crying, for he is very sad.  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

7. I don’t like yellow or blue  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

**Directions:** Now say whether the conjunction is used to show an agreement, disagreement, or reason.

1. and  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

2. but  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

3. or  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

4. yet  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

5. for  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

6. nor  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

7. so  
   agreement / disagreement / reason

**Directions:** try to fill in the blanks using the appropriate conjunction. Use commas if necessary.

1. My dad ______ I are going fishing this afternoon.

2. The old man doesn’t have much money _____ he always seems to have nice things.

3. Either we are going to win ______ they are going to win.

4. I don’t have much time _____ hurry up!

5. He wasn’t a popular king _____ all of his country men hated him.

6. I want to get there early _____ we should leave soon.

7. It doesn’t matter whether they get the job ___ not.

8. We don’t like red ____ do I like blue.

9. I ran after the cat _____ could not catch her.

10. We played very well _____ we still lost the game.

**Directions:** Now practice creating your own sentences using the conjunctions list above.

1. ______________________________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________________________