

English

Conjunctions

Type of Conjunction	Definition	Use	Examples
Coordinating	Connects two equal grammatical units (words, phrases, or clauses).	To show addition, contrast, choice, result, or reason.	and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet♦ He is poor but honest.♦ She must study or fail.
Subordinating	Connects a dependent (subordinate) clause to an independent clause.	To show time, cause-effect, condition, contrast, purpose, comparison.	because, although, since, if, unless, when, while, though I will call you when I arrive.
Correlative	Used in pairs to join equal sentence elements.	To join two elements with equal importance in parallel structure.	eitheror, neithernor, not onlybut also, bothand Neither John nor I am going.
Conjunctive Adverbs	Act as conjunctions to connect ideas between independent clauses.	Show transition, contrast, sequence, cause-effect.	however, therefore, moreover, thus, hence, meanwhile She was late; therefore, she missed the bus.
Linking (Pairing)	Repeated in a sentence to link thoughts smoothly (less common in modern English).	For rhetorical balance or emphasis.	the morethe, the lessthe The more you practice, the better you become.

<u>Subcategories of Subordinating Conjunctions (With Purpose & Examples)</u>

Category	Purpose	Common Conjunctions	Example Sentence
Time	Indicates time of action	when, before, after, as soon as, while, till, until	I will wait until you return.
Cause/Reason	Shows cause or reason	because, since, as, now that	She was crying because she lost her toy.
Condition	States condition	if, unless, provided that, in case	You may go if you finish your work.
Contrast	Shows contrast or opposition	although, though, even though, whereas, while	Although he is rich, he is not arrogant.
Purpose	Shows aim or goal	so that, in order that	He works hard so that he can succeed.
Comparison	Draws comparisons	than, asas	She is taller than her brother.







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