Conjunctions

Conjunctions are words that join words, phrases, and clauses in a sentence.

Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions join ideas of equal importance or emphasis. There are seven coordinating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so.

Ex.: Each teacher told us to bring pencils and pens.
Ex.: The army won the battle but lost the war.
Ex.: He is unsure of the spelling, so he is consulting a dictionary.

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions allow a writer to emphasis one idea more than another. Here is a list of common subordinating conjunctions:

- after
- although (or though or even though)
- as
- because
- before
- if
- since
- unless
- until
- when
- while

Ex.: After the rain stopped, we barbecued the chicken.
Ex.: Even though those days are gone, he still remembers them.
Ex.: If you keep a journal, your writing will improve.
Ex.: She gets good grades because she studies hard.
Ex.: We stayed in the theater until the curtain fell.
Ex.: The teacher graded papers while the students took a test.