

Coordinating Conjunctions--FANBOYS

Coordinating conjunctions (a.k.a. FANBOYS) join two complete thoughts into one sentence.

Either the barber will trim my hair , **or** my cousin will have to.
Complete Thought FANBOYS Complete Thought

FANBOYS go between the two complete thoughts and are preceded by a comma.

Lucas made ice cream from scratch, **and** I plan to eat all of it.

Steven didn't bring any chips, **so** I will need to go to the store after school.

Aiden will wash your car, **but** you may still find some spots on it.

Use the term **FANBOYS** to help you remember the first letter of some common coordinating conjunctions.

Common Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS)

for	and	nor	but	or	yet	so
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Subordinating Conjunctions--SWABTs

Subordinating conjunctions (a.k.a. SWABTs) join two complete thoughts into one sentence.

My neighbor lent me his PlayStation since I helped him mow his lawn.

Complete Thought SWABI Complete Thought

SWABTs can be found at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence.

Gloria jumped up and down on the bed **after** she ate ten sugar cubes.

Because he overslept, Randy missed the bus this morning.

When the rain stops, we can go play handball in the park.

Use the term **SWABI** to help you remember the first letter of some common subordinating conjunctions.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions (SWABI)

since

when

after

because

if

Conjunctive Adverbs--THAMOs

Conjunctive adverbs are special adverbs that show the relationship between two complete thoughts.

Michael wants to go to Disneyland; however, tickets are sold out today.
Complete Thought THAMO Complete Thought

They can be found at the **front**, **middle**, or **back** of a complete thought.

Benjamin painted the fence; I, meanwhile, made lemonade.
Middle THAMO

Michael wants to go to Disneyland; tickets are sold out today, however.
Back THAMO

Will needs to finish frosting the cake; otherwise, he'll miss the party.
Front THAMO

Use the term **THAMO** to help you remember the first letter of some common conjunctive adverbs.

Common Conjunctive Adverbs (THAMOs)

therefore

however

also

meanwhile

otherwise

Identify the CONJUNCTION in the sentences below:

Bruno Mars needs to practice his serve, and I need to work on my backhand.

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Jay-Z mows lawns if his neighbors agree to pay him cookies.

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