

Year 6 Grammar Revision

**Co-ordinating and
Subordinating
Conjunctions**



Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Conjunctions are words that link together clauses. There are two types of conjunctions.

Coordinating conjunctions link main clauses together to form compound sentences
e.g.

The sun was scorching. We wore our hats.

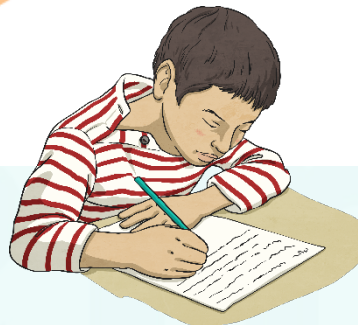
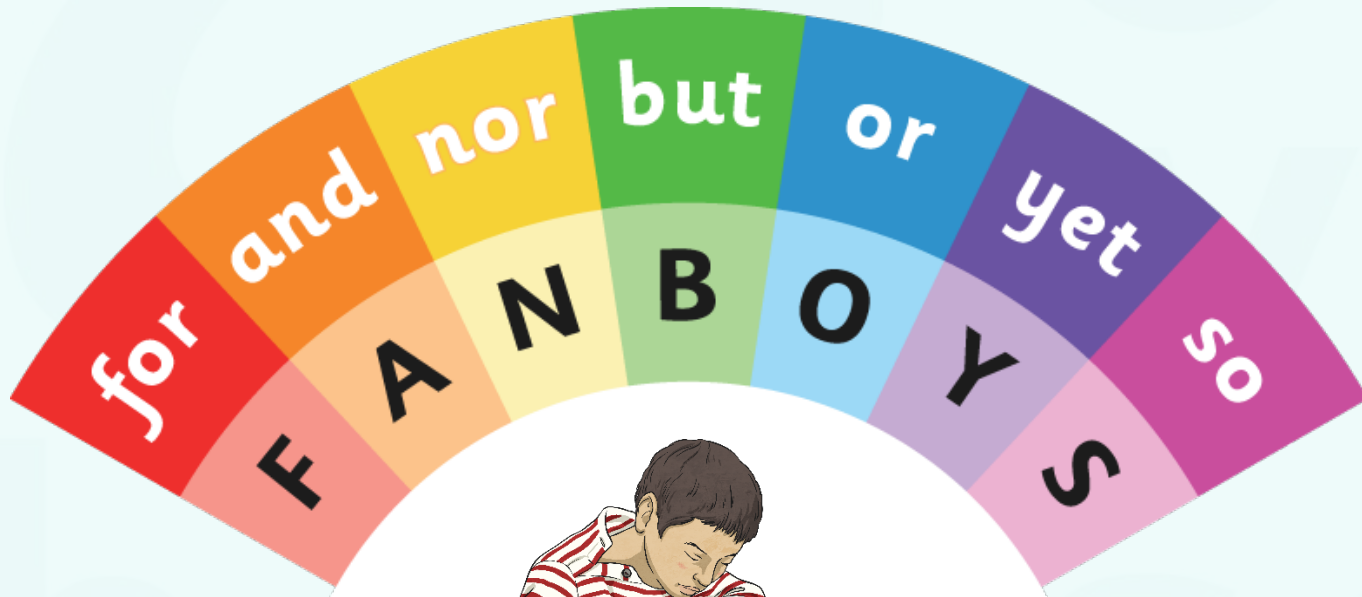


The sun was scorching **so** we wore our hats.



Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

You can easily remember all the co-ordinating conjunctions by using the acronym
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Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

I love to read fiction books **for** I like a good story.

The dog jumped up **and** he began to bark.

I don't like sprouts **nor** do I like carrots.

My brother wants a dog **but** I'd prefer a cat.

I might order a pizza **or** I might get a burger.

Joey ran as fast as he could **yet** Jill won the race.

I saw a massive spider **so** I hurtled out of the room.

Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

A subordinating conjunction connects a main clause and a subordinate clause. A subordinate clause depends on the main clause because it doesn't make sense on its own. When main clauses and subordinate clauses are used together to form a sentence, it is called a complex sentence.

main clause

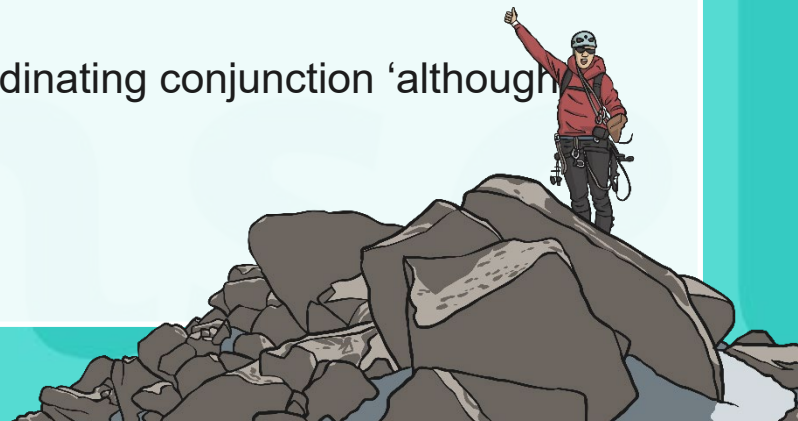


He managed to reach the summit of the

mountain although suffering from frostbite.



subordinate clause beginning with the subordinating conjunction 'although'



Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Here is a list of commonly used subordinating conjunctions

after

though

because

so that

before

until

while

provided

if

since

once

even though

whether

unless

although

when

as



Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Where in a sentence?

In the sentences we've looked at so far, the subordinate conjunctions have been after the main clause e.g.

Jackson got changed into his superhero costume
because he was going to the party.

He wore his pants over his trousers
even though it looked silly.



Subordinate conjunctions don't always have to be after the main clause.
Sometimes they can be the first word in a sentence.

Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Where in a sentence?

Look at these sentences where the subordinate conjunction **opens** the sentence...

Despite the weather being cold,
the sunflower grew very tall.

As the volcano erupted,
the villagers ran for their lives.



When we use a subordinate conjunction at the beginning of a sentence, we must add a **comma** at the end of the subordinate clause before the main clause.

Subordinating Conjunctions: The Tricky Bits

Some subordinate conjunction words can also be prepositions

after

before

until

as

since

After he returned from holiday, George unpacked his suitcase.

In this example 'after' is used as a subordinating conjunction to form a subordinate clause.

We have a maths lesson **after** lunch.

In this example 'after' is used as a preposition.

This can be very confusing! If the word is within a **group of words that contains a subject and a verb**, then it is usually being used as a **subordinating conjunction**

Quiz! Part 1

Join each pair of sentences using **and**, **but** or **so**.

I don't visit the library very much. I do like reading.

I don't visit the library very much **but** I do like reading.

The horse was spooked. It kicked out in fright.

The horse was spooked **so** it kicked out in fright.

Mary climbed the ladder. She got into her top bunk.

Mary climbed the ladder **and** she got into her top bunk.

Quiz! Part 2

Use a **subordinating conjunction** from the list to **add to** each subordinate clause.

although if because since

if you start to feel sleepy, you should open the car window.

Although the lights had turned green, the car stood still.

The dog barked loudly because it heard an intruder.

Since we began swimming lessons, I have become lots more confident in the water.

Quiz! Part 3

Put a tick in each row to show whether **until** is being used as a **subordinating conjunction** or a **preposition**.

	Preposition	Subordinating Conjunction
I didn't learn to drive until I bought my new car.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Until Danny scored the goal, the team looked hopeless.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The wolves didn't stop howling until midnight.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you feeling confident
with co-ordinating and
subordinating conjunctions?

