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- A **conjunction** connects words or groups of words.
  - Conjunctions fall into three groups:
    - **coordinating conjunctions**
    - **correlative conjunctions**
    - **subordinating conjunctions.**
- **Coordinating Conjunctions:**
  - Connect words of the same kind (two or more nouns or verbs)
  - Connect larger groups of words (prepositional phrases or entire sentences)

Coordinating Conjunctions			
For	And	Nor	But
Or	Yet	So	“FANBOYS”

# Coordinating Conjunctions

- Connecting Nouns:
  - My cousin **and** his wife left yesterday for a trip to Philadelphia.
- Connecting Verbs:
  - They printed out directions **but** forgot to bring them.
- Connecting Prepositional Phrases:
  - Put the luggage on the doorstep **or** in the garage.
- Connecting Two Sentences:
  - Our family wanted to go to the White House, **but** we decided to go to the Capitol first.

# Correlative Conjunctions

- **Correlative Conjunctions**

- connect the same kinds of words or groups of words as coordinating conjunctions
- correlative conjunctions are used in pairs.

Correlative Conjunctions	
both...	...and
either...	...or
neither...	...nor
whether...	...or
not only...	...but also

# Correlative Conjunctions

- Connecting Nouns:
  - We have seen **both** the Hoover Dam **and** the Grand Canyon Dam.
- Connecting Pronouns:
  - **Either** you **or** I will be the leader on the trail.
- Connecting Verbs:
  - The sick hiker would **neither** eat **nor** drink.
- Connecting Prepositional Phrases
  - We hiked slowly, **whether** in a large group **or** by ourselves.
- Connecting Two Sentences:
  - **Not only** are the Sierra Mountains rugged, **but** they are also beautiful.

# Subordinating Conjunctions

- Subordinating Conjunctions
  - Connect two ideas by making one idea dependant on the other

Subordinating Conjunctions			
After	As though	Since	Until
Although	Because	So that	When
As	Before	Than	Whenever
As if	Even though	Though	Where
As long as	If	Till	Wherever
As soon as	In order that	Unless	while

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- Subordinating conjunction **always** comes before the dependent idea.
- The subordinating conjunction connects the dependent idea to the main idea.

- Example:

- I did the planning **after** he made reservations. **When** he phoned this morning, he was unable to reach the senator.