

# Conjunctions

**Conjunctions** connect individual words or groups of words.

**The river is wide and deep.**

**We can fish in the morning or in the evening.**

## Coordinating Conjunctions

A coordinating conjunction connects equal parts: two or more words, phrases, or clauses.

**The river rushes down the valley, and then it winds through the prairie.**

(The conjunction *and* connects two independent clauses to make a compound sentence.)

## Correlative Conjunctions

A correlative conjunction is used in pairs.

**Either snow or wind can make the trip dangerous.**

(*Either* and *or* work as a pair in this sentence to connect two words.)

## Subordinating Conjunctions

A subordinating conjunction often introduces the dependent clause in a complex sentence.

**Our trip was delayed when the snowstorm hit.**

**We stayed in town until the snow stopped.**

## Common Conjunctions

**Coordinating** and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet "FANBOYS"

**Correlative** either/or, neither/nor, not only/but also, both/and, whether/or, as/so

**Subordinating** after, although, as, as if, as long as, as though, because, before, if, in order that, since, so, so that, that, though, unless, until, when, where, whereas, while

**Tip:** Relative pronouns can also connect clauses. (SEE page 424.)