

Mastering Conjunctions: The Sentence Glue

Stick your sentences together with the power of conjunctions!

- **Coordinating conjunctions** (like 'and', 'but', 'or') join two equal parts of a sentence together.
- **Subordinating conjunctions** (like 'because', 'if', 'when') explain the relationship between a main clause and a clause that cannot stand alone.
- **Placing a subordinating conjunction at the beginning of a sentence creates a fronted adverbial, which adds variety to your writing.**
- **Using 'yet' or 'so' helps you contrast ideas or show the consequence of an action within your paragraph.**
- **Remember that a sentence needs a main clause to be grammatically complete; conjunctions simply help us expand our descriptive power.**

Did you know? Did you know? Conjunctions are like the secret bridges of the ELA language. Without them, our writing would be a series of short, choppy sentences. By using words like 'although' or 'while', you can transport your reader from one idea to another smoothly, creating a sophisticated flow in your storytelling.

Key vocabulary: Coordinating conjunction · Subordinating conjunction · Clause · Connective · Subordinate · Independent · Cohesion