

Mastering Conjunctions with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To identify and use a variety of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to link clauses and create cohesion in writing.

Read each flashcard carefully. Max the monkey has provided the definitions to help you solve the challenges. Test your knowledge by identifying the type of conjunction and using it in a sentence.

What is a conjunction?	Name the FANBOYS coordinating conjunctions.
A word used to connect clauses, phrases, or words together within a sentence.	For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So.
What is the primary function of a subordinating conjunction?	Provide an example of a subordinating conjunction used to show time.
It introduces a subordinate (dependent) clause and connects it to a main clause.	After, before, until, while, or since.
Explain the difference between a coordinating and subordinating conjunction.	Identify the conjunction in this sentence: 'Pip read the book because it was fascinating.'
Coordinating conjunctions join two independent clauses of equal importance; subordinating conjunctions make one clause dependent on the other.	Because (subordinating conjunction).
Rewrite this sentence using a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb: 'Max loves maths. He finds it challenging.'	Justify why a writer might choose 'although' instead of 'and' to start a sentence.
Max loves maths; however, he finds it challenging.	'Although' creates contrast and complexity, whereas 'and' is a simple additive conjunction.
What might happen to the flow of a paragraph if you only used 'and' to join sentences?	Compare and contrast the conjunctions 'while' and 'whereas'.
The writing would become repetitive and lack the sophisticated cohesion needed for descriptive or persuasive tasks.	'While' often refers to a period of time; 'whereas' is primarily used to highlight a direct contrast between two facts.
Create a sentence using the subordinating conjunction 'unless' regarding Max's maths puzzle.	Explain why it is important to use a comma before a coordinating conjunction when joining two independent clauses.
Max will not finish the puzzle unless he finds the final piece.	It helps the reader pause and clearly separates the two complete thoughts, improving readability and grammatical accuracy.