

Mastering Conjunctions: The Word-Builder's Toolkit

Learning objective: To understand and use a variety of subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to create complex and compound sentences.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to enhance your writing. Look at the categories below to choose the right connector for your sentences.

COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS (FANBOYS: join two independent clauses):

- For: used to show a reason or purpose.
- And: used to join two similar ideas together.
- Nor: used to offer a negative choice.
- But: used to show a contrast or difference.
- Or: used to show an alternative choice.
- Yet: used to introduce a contrasting idea that follows the preceding idea logically.
- So: used to show a consequence or result.

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS (Join a main clause to a subordinate clause):

- Although: used to suggest that something happened despite something else.
- Because: used to provide a reason for an action.
- Since: used to indicate a point in time or a reason.
- Unless: used to state a condition that must be met.
- While: used to show two things happening at the same time or a contrast.
- Whereas: used to compare two different facts or ideas.
- Whenever: used to indicate that something happens at any time.
- Provided that: used to set a specific condition.

Explain why a wri...	Compare and con...	Max wants to buy...
What might happ...	Justify why 'nor' ...	Create a compou...