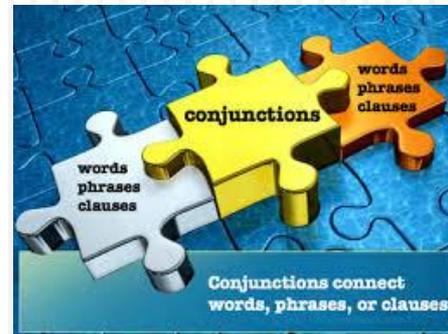# JOINING CLAUSES BY COORDINATION

Learning Objectives

- To review the difference between a dependent and an independent clause.

- To review the seven coordinating conjunctions.

- To learn how to join two independent clauses through coordination.

Completing the Sentence with Coordinating Conjunction

Conjunctions

conjunctions
words phrases clauses
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Conjunctions connect words, phrases, or clauses

Subjects
&
Verbs

CLAUSES

Types of Clauses

- Independent – expresses a complete thought and can be a sentence by itself.
  - Sugar the pit bull growled menacingly.

- Dependent – does not express a complete thought and cannot be a sentence by itself.
  - … because Sugar the pit bull growled menacingly.

Coordination and Subordination

- Coordination and Subordination are methods of joining clauses.

- In the previous lesson, you learned how to join a dependent and an independent clause together using subordination.

- In this lesson, you'll learn how to join two independent clauses together using coordination.

Coordinating Conjunctions

To join or coordinate two independent clauses, you'll need to remember the 7 coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS):

- For
- And
- Nor
- But
- Or
- Yet
- So

How to Coordinate Two Clauses

- Suppose you have two clauses:
  - Sugar the pit bull growled menacingly.
  - The postman stood his ground and didn't budge.

- To join them, pick one of FANBOYS that reflects the relationship between the two clauses:
  - Sugar the pit bull growled menacingly
  - BUT
  - The postman stood his ground and didn't budge

- Finally, put the two clauses together, along with a comma and the conjunction.
  - Sugar the pit bull growled menacingly, but the postman stood his ground and didn't budge.

Coordination, additional examples:

- Gregory wants to play professional basketball, but he has trouble meeting the scouts.

- Gregory has a great jump shot, but he isn't quick on his feet.

- Gabriela will compete in a marathon in May, so she has begun training to prepare herself for it.

- Angelique has saved 30K for a down payment for a house, and she has also been socking money away for retirement.

Let's Test Your Memory

Ummmm…..

- A clause is a group of words containing a subject and a verb.

- Two main types of clauses: Independent and Dependent.

- Independent clause is one that **can** stand on its own two feet.

- Dependent clause **can not** stand on its own two feet.

- Coordination : joining of two independent clauses in one sentence.

- Subordination: joining a dependent clause and an independent clause in one sentence.