



Tips on Using Conjunctions Effectively

To link sentences, we use different linking words. Among transitional words and expressions, subordinating and coordinating conjunctions are two types of linking words that are closely related to sentence structure.

Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) are used to link two simple sentences, also called Independent Clauses (IC), to create compound sentences. An IC conveys clear meaning and follows the sentence structure pattern of subject-verb-object (SV-O).

Coordinating Conjunctions in Compound Sentences
<p>Sentence Pattern: IC + , + FANBOYS + IC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We advertised the new program, but few participants registered.</i>

Subordinating Conjunctions start a Dependent Clause (DC), and in combination with an IC, they create a complex sentence. Do not place a comma directly after a subordinating conjunction, but rather after the DC.

Subordinating Conjunctions in Complex Sentences (Adverb Clauses)	
After Although As As if As though Because Before Even if Even though If If only In order that Now that Once Provided that	Rather than Since So that Than That Though Unless Until When Whenever Where Whereas Wherever Whether While
<p>Sentence Pattern: DC + , + IC. -OR- IC + DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although we finished the study, we continued to collect data. We continued to collect data although we finished the study. 	

