**Composing Complete Sentences
with Conjunctions**

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| **Compound Sentences:** Use these models to help you **avoid run-on sentences and comma splices**. |
| **1.** Independent clause, comma*She liked to eat popcorn,* | coordinating conjunction*but* | + independent clause.*it got stuck in her teeth.* |
| **2.** Independent clause; semi-colon*She liked to eat popcorn;* | conjunctive adverb, comma*furthermore,*  | + independent clause.*she liked watching movies.* |
| **Complex Sentences:** Use these models to help you **avoid sentence fragments**. |
| **3.** Independent clause +*She watched the documentary* | subordinating conjunction*because* | + dependent clause.*he had recommended it.* |
| **4.** Subordinating conjunction +*When* | dependent clause, comma*she finished watching,* | + independent clause.*she called him.* |
| **Simple Sentences** |
| **5.** Conjunctive adverb, comma +*However,* | independent clause.*he was busy with homework.* |  |
| **6.** Coordinating conjunction, comma +*And,* | independent clause.*she had homework of her own.* | (Grammatically correct; not preferred.) |
| **7.** Independent clause.*She went to bed late that night.* |  |  |

* **Coordinating Conjunctions** can be remembered using the mnemonic device “FANBOYS”:

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| **F** | For |
| **A** | And |
| **N** | Nor |
| **B** | But |
| **O** | Or |
| **Y** | Yet |
| **S** | So |

* **Subordinating Conjunctions** often relate to time, place, or cause-and-effect.

**I saw a wabub!!**

Use this mnemonic device to help remember some of the most common subordinating conjunctions:

Acaladolopes. (2019). *Monster scared running scary* [Graphic]. Retrieved from [http://pixabay.com/
vectors/monster-scared-running-scary-4037255](http://pixabay.com/vectors/monster-scared-running-scary-4037255)

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| **I** | If |
| **s** | Since |
| **a** | As |
| **w** | When |
| **a** | Although |
| **w** | While |
| **a** | After |
| **b** | Before |
| **u** | Until |
| **b** | Because |

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| Function | **Coordinating Conjunctions**  | **Correlating Conjunctions** | **Subordinating Conjunctions** | **Conjunctive Adverbs** (Transitions) |
| **Addition** | and | Both…and…Not only…,but also |  | Also,Additionally,In addition,Moreover,Further,Furthermore,Besides,On top of that, |
| **Alternative** | ornor | Either…or…Neither…nor… |  | Otherwise, |
| **Cause-Effect Relationship** | forso |  | Because…,Since…,As…,In order to…, | For this reason,Because of…,Therefore,Thus,Hence,As a result,As a result of…,Consequently,Accordingly,Owing to…,Due to…, |
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| **Contrast, Concession, & Difference** | butyet |  | Though…,Although…,Even though…,Except for the fact that…,Despite the fact that…,Whereas…,While…, | However,In contrast,On the contrary,On the other hand,Except for…,Instead,Alternatively,Conversely,However,Nevertheless,Nonetheless,Despite this,In spite of this,Apart from…,Instead of…,In contrast to…,Unlike…,In spite of this,Despite…, |
| **Conditional** | but |  | If…,Even if…,Only if…,If only…,Unless…,As long as…,So long as…,Assuming…,On the condition that…,Provided that…, | Having said that,Still,In that case,That being so,Otherwise, |
| **Comparison & Similarity** |  |  | Just as…, | In the same way,Likewise,Similarly,Comparably,Like…,As with…, |
| **Emphasis** |  |  |  | First and foremost,Clearly,Ultimately,Above all,Notably,Indeed,Significantly, |
| **Examples** |  | From…to… |  | For example,To illustrate,For instance, |
| Function | **Coordinating Conjunctions** | **Correlating Conjunctions** | **Subordinating Conjunctions** | **Conjunctive Adverbs** (Transitions) |
| **Examples** (continued) |  |  |  | That is,Specifically,In particular,In the case of…,As revealed by…, |
| **Opinion** |  |  |  | Fortunately,Luckily,Sadly,Unfortunately, |
| **Restatement & Summary** |  |  |  | Again,To sum up,All in all,In brief,In other words,In sum,That is,In summary,Clearly,Ultimately,In conclusion,To summarize,Generally,In general, |
| **Sequence** | and |  |  | First and foremost,To begin,First(ly),Second(ly),Third(ly),Next,Then,Finally, |
| **Time** | yet |  | After…,Before…,As soon as…,When…,While…,As…, | After,Afterwards,Beforehand,Previously,Up till now,At present,Presently,Currently,Immediately,Subsequently,Meanwhile,Eventually,In the past,Prior to…, |