

Conjunctions

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Writers don't just write single sentences and then stop. Rather, writers compose ideas and connect these ideas to additional ideas. Sometimes these ideas are related to each other, and sometimes these ideas are in contrast to each other. The purpose of this handout is to acquaint you with "connection" words that allow writers to connect different ideas together.

| MEANING/ RELATIONSHIP | COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS | CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS | SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contrast | but, yet | however | while, whereas, although, though, even though |
| Concession | but | nevertheless | although, though |
| Reason/Result | for, so | therefore, consequently | because, since, so that, as, in order that |
| Condition | | | if, even if, unless, if only |
| Sequence | and | then, later, finally | after, before, as, until, when, once, as long as, until, till, while, whenever, as soon as, since |
| Choice | or, nor | | whether, than, rather than |
| Comparison | | | than, as though, as if, whereas, while |
| Space | | | where, wherever, whence |

Model Sentences

Coordinating Conjunction: I have been studying conjunctions, so I understand them now.

Conjunctive Adverb: I have been studying conjunctions; therefore, I understand them now.

Subordinating Conjunction: Since I have been studying conjunctions, I understand them now.