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| What is a coordinating conjunction? A **conjunction** is a type of [**connective**](https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-connectives) ('connective' is an umbrella term for any word that connects bits of text together). A conjunction connects two clauses, phrases or words in a sentence. We use **co-ordinating conjunctions** to join two parts of a sentence that are of equal weight or importance. Use a coordinating conjunction when you want to give equal emphasis to two main clauses. **And**, **but**, **for**, **nor**, **or**, **so**, and **yet**—these are the seven coordinating conjunctions. To remember all seven, you might want to learn this acronym: **FANBOYS**

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| ***F*** = for***A*** = and***N*** = nor***B*** = but***O*** = or***Y*** = yet***S*** = so |  |  |

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Look at the examples that follow:

The bowl of squid eyeball stew is hot **and** delicious.

The squid eyeball stew is so thick that you can eat it with a fork **or** spoon.

Rocky, my orange tomcat loves having his head scratched **but** hates getting his claws trimmed.

Rocky terrorizes the poodles next door **yet** adores the German shepherd across the street.

Rocky refuses to eat dry cat food, **nor** will he touch a saucer of squid eyeball stew.

I hate to waste a single drop of squid eyeball stew, **for** it is expensive and time-consuming to make.

Even though I added cream to the squid eyeball stew, Rocky ignored his serving, **so** I got a spoon and ate it myself.