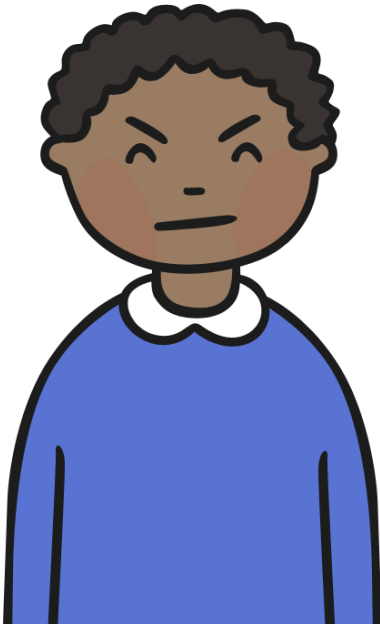


Identifying Subordinating and Coordinating Conjunctions

An informative PowerPoint about conjunctions

Recap: What is a conjunction?

A conjunction is a word that connects two parts of a sentence, or clauses, together.



For example:

I want to cry **because** I can't think of a conjunction.

Note: in this PowerPoint we are talking about conjunctions, but you might have heard them called connectives.

Different Types of Conjunction

There are two different types of conjunctions and when we use them depends on what type of clause they are connecting.

Can you remember what these two types of clause are?

Independent Clause

The independent clause makes sense on its own because it is a complete thought.

For example:
I went to town.
It was red.

Subordinating Clause

Support the independent clause.
The opening words of subordinate clauses show that they are dependent on the independent clause.

For example:
After the storm had gone,
she went out to play again.

The Coordinating Conjunction

A coordinating conjunction is used to link two independent clauses (two clauses that would make sense if they were on their own.)

Here is an example:

I love rollercoasters.



I love rollercoasters and I adore log flumes.

I adore log flumes.

The Coordinating Conjunction

Here are some coordinating conjunctions that you might have seen before.

and

but

or

Which conjunction would you use to list ideas?

Which conjunction would you use to give an alternative idea?

Which conjunction would you use to give a contrasting idea?

The Coordinating Conjunction

Here are some coordinating conjunctions that you might have seen before.

and

is used to use to list ideas.

but

is used to give an alternative idea.

or

is used to give a contrasting idea.

The Subordinating Conjunction

A subordinating conjunction is used to introduce a subordinate clause.

There are lots of different subordinate conjunctions, each one will give your sentence a different meaning.

Can you use one of these subordinating conjunctions in a sentence?
Which part of your sentence is the subordinate clause?

because

if

since

I chose a burger, because I like fast food.

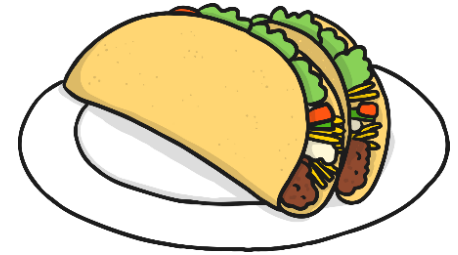
If you're tired, go to bed.

Since I've been on holiday, I've felt more relaxed.

The Subordinating Conjunction

Independent conjunctions are words that connect two independent clauses.

I'm having nachos, but I could have ordered tacos.



Subjunctive conjunctions are words that introduce subjunctive clauses.

I'm having nachos while I wait.

