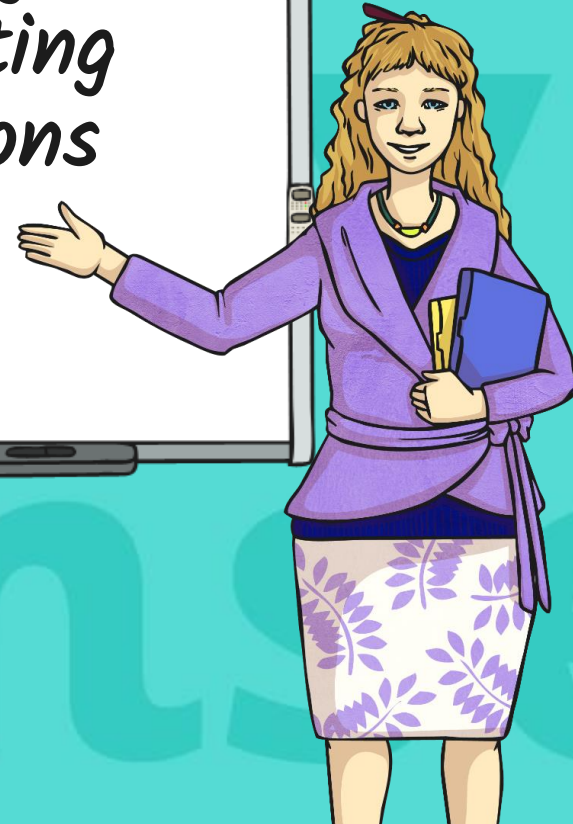


# Year 6 Grammar Revision

*Co-ordinating and  
Subordinating  
Conjunctions*



# Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Conjunctions are words that **link together clauses**. There are **two** types of conjunctions.

**Co-ordinating conjunctions** link **main clauses** together to form **compound sentences** e.g.

The sun was scorching. We wore our hats.

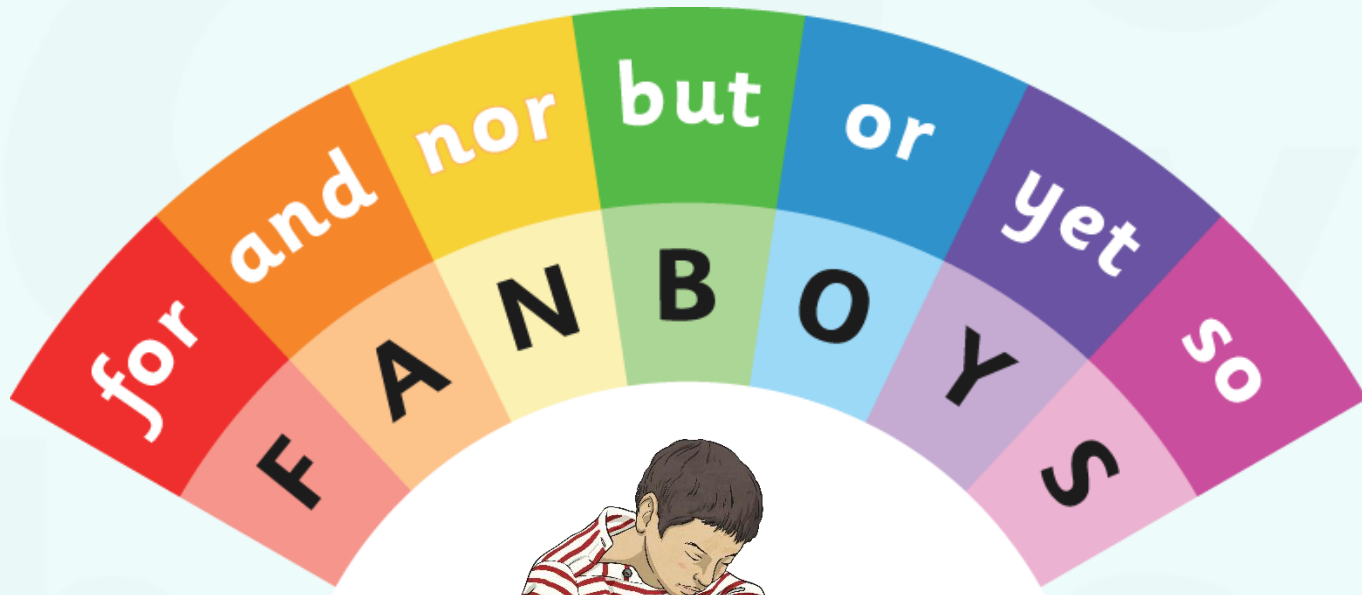


The sun was scorching **so** we wore our hats.



# Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

You can easily remember all the co-ordinating conjunctions by using the acronym **FANBOYS**.



# Co-ordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

I love to read fiction books **for** I like a good story.

The dog jumped up **and** he began to bark.

I don't like sprouts **nor** do I like carrots.

My brother wants a dog **but** I'd prefer a cat.

I might order a pizza **or** I might get a burger.

Joey ran as fast as he could **yet** Jill won the race.

I saw a massive spider **so** I hurtled out of the room.

# Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

A **subordinating conjunction** connects a **main clause** and a **subordinate clause**.

A subordinate clause is **dependent** on the main clause because it **doesn't make sense on its own**. When main clauses and subordinate clauses are used together to form a sentence, it is called a **complex sentence**.

main clause



He managed to reach the summit of the mountain although suffering from frostbite.



subordinate clause beginning with the subordinating conjunction 'although'



# Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

Here is a list of commonly used **subordinating conjunctions**...

after

though

because

so that

before

until

while

provided

if

since

once

even though

whether

unless

although

when

as



# Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

## *Where in a sentence?*

In the sentences we've looked at so far, the subordinate conjunctions have been **after** the main clause e.g.

Jackson got changed into his superhero costume **because he was going to the party.**

He wore his pants over his trousers **even though it looked silly.**



Subordinate conjunctions don't always have to be after the main clause. Sometimes they can be the first word in a sentence.

# Subordinating Conjunctions: The Rules

*Where in a sentence?*

Look at these sentences where the subordinate conjunctions **open** the sentence...

**Despite the weather being cold,**  
the sunflower grew very tall.

**As the volcano erupted,**  
the villagers ran for their lives.



When we use a subordinate conjunction at the beginning of a sentence, we must **add a comma** at the end of the subordinate clause before the main clause.



# Subordinating Conjunctions: The Tricky Bits

Some subordinate conjunction words can also be **prepositions**.

after

before

until

as

since

**After** he returned from holiday, George unpacked his suitcase.

In this example 'after' is used as a subordinating conjunction to form a subordinate clause.

We have a maths lesson **after** lunch.

In this example 'after' is used as a preposition.

This can be very confusing! If the word is within a **group of words that contains a subject and a verb**, then it is usually being used as a **subordinating conjunction**.

# Quiz! Part 1

Join each pair of sentences using **and**, **but** or **so**.

**I don't visit the library very much. I do like reading.**

I don't visit the library very much **but** I do like reading.

**The horse was spooked. It kicked out in fright.**

The horse was spooked **so** it kicked out in fright.

**Mary climbed the ladder. She got into her top bunk.**

Mary climbed the ladder **and** she got into her top bunk.

## Quiz! Part 2

Use a subordinating conjunction from the list to add to each subordinate clause.

although    if    because    since

    **If**     you start to feel sleepy, you should open the car window.

    **Although**     the lights had turned green, the car stood still.

The dog barked loudly     **because**     it heard an intruder.

    **Since**     we began swimming lessons, I have become lots more confident in the water.

# Quiz! Part 3

Put a tick in each row to show whether **until** is being used as a **subordinating conjunction** or a **preposition**.

	Preposition	Subordinating Conjunction
I didn't learn to drive <b>until</b> I bought my new car.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Until</b> Danny scored the goal, the team looked hopeless.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The wolves didn't stop howling <b>until</b> midnight.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Are you feeling confident  
with co-ordinating and  
subordinating conjunctions?*

