Conjunctions

Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions often combine (or coordinate) independent clauses or other sentence elements.

Ex: She will inherit the diamond, but she must wait until she is older.

There are 7 common coordinating conjunctions, which can be remembered with help from the acronym FANBOYS...

for and nor but or yet so

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinate conjunctions often begin dependent clauses, which are separated with a comma from independent clauses if the dependent clause begins or interrupts the sentence.

Ex: When she is older, she will inherit the diamond.

after although as because before even if

even though if in order once provided that rather than

since so that than though

unless until when whenever where whereas

whether while

Common Conjunctive Adverbs

Conjunctive adverbs can be used to join independent clauses. They should be preceded by a semicolon and followed by a comma.

Ex: She is older now; therefore, she can inherit the diamond.

besides finally likewise on the other hand furthermore however

moreover rather first in the first place nonetheless then

for in the meantime notwithstanding therefore