

The Coordinating Conjunctions

The English language has seven coordinating conjunctions, and they're easy to remember if you can just remember the acronym FANBOYS:

- For - Explains reason or purpose (just like "because")
I go to the park every Sunday, for I long to see his face.
- And - Adds one thing to another
I like to read, and I write faithfully in my journal every night.
- Nor - Used to present an alternative negative idea to an already stated negative idea
I neither love nor hate to watch TV.
- But - Shows contrast
Television is a wonderful escape, but it interferes with my writing.
- Or - Presents an alternative or a choice
Would you rather read a book or watch a good TV show?
- Yet - Introduces a contrasting idea that follows the preceding idea logically (similar to "but")
I always take a book to the beach, yet I never seem to turn a single page.
- So - Indicates effect, result or consequence
I like to read, so my grammar is always on-point.