**Coordinating Conjunctions**

Coordinating conjunctions join two sentences together. The most common coordinating conjunctions form the acronym FANBOYS.

For  
And  
Nor  
But  
Or  
Yet  
So

Note: when we use coordinating conjunctions to join two sentences together, we must insert a comma before the coordinating conjunction.

Examples:

*I went to the beach yesterday. I surfed all day.* These two sentences can be written as one with the use of a coordinating conjunction:

I went to the beach yesterday, and I surfed all day.

*I went to the beach yesterday. I did not swim in the ocean.* These two sentences can also be joined together with a coordinating conjunction:

I went to the beach yesterday, but I did not swim in the ocean.

*I want to learn how to swim. I need to have some swimming lessons.* Again, these two sentences can be joined together with a coordinating conjunction:

I want to learn how to swim, so I need to have some swimming lessons.