

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.