

Conjunctions

A **conjunction** is a word used to connect other words or groups of words.

There are 3 types:

Coordinating: connect similar kinds or groups of words

and but for nor or so just

Examples: My sister *and* brother ran the program.

They wrote a short *yet* effective report.

The dog barked *but* wagged its tail.

Put the bags on the table *or* in the closet.

Bob left early *so* I left with him.

Correlative: connect similar words or groups of words, but always come in pairs.

both ... and neither ... nor whether ... or

either ... or not only ... but also

Examples: He watched *both* lions *and* tigers.

Neither Don *nor* I will go.

Jean recycled *not only* consistently *but also* carefully.

Subordinating: connect two ideas, making one more important than the other. **Always** followed by a **noun and pronoun**.

after	as though	since	until
although	because	so that	when
as	before	than	whenever
as if	even though	though	where
as long as	if	till	wherever
as soon as	in order that	unless	while

Examples: *Until* you eat your vegetables, you can't have dessert.

Even though you don't turn in homework, you expect to pass.

You can't get a prize *until* you win.

A. Circle the conjunction, then tell what type it is.

- 1. Karen teaches both judo and karate. _____
- 2. The headlights and radio are working. _____
- 3. Is the holiday "President's Day" or "Washington's Birthday"? _____
- 4. Either Ms. Glass or Mr. Santo interviews applicants. _____
- 5. The boots are neither warm nor waterproof. _____
- 6. He has raced not only at Daytona but also at Indianapolis. _____
- 7. There are naval bases at both San Diego and Waukegan. _____
- 8. Did Amy or Mandy win? _____
- 9. He is underweight but healthy. _____
- 10. She turned and tossed the ball. _____
- 11. Either we leave now or we don't go at all. _____
- 12. I want Rosa and you to play the leads in the play. _____
- 13. Before we have lunch, I want to swim some laps. _____
- 14. I'll bake a cake so that we have enough for the bake sale. _____
- 15. We will stay until they hand out the awards. _____
- 16. White, blue, or green carpet would look nice in the room. _____
- 17. Even though he has no experience, I plan to hire him. _____
- 18. Will you get the phone, for I have to leave now? _____
- 19. Since we mowed the lawn, the whole house looks better. _____
- 20. It doesn't matter to me if you go to the park. _____

B. Write three ORIGINAL sentences using each type of conjunction. You will have 9 sentences.
