

Grammar Explanation

Using coordinating conjunctions (*and, but, or, so*)

- There are seven coordinating conjunctions. They are: *For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So*. It is easy to remember them by the acronym FANBOYS.
- Coordination conjunctions are used to link words, phrases or clauses. *For* is used to introduce a reason; *and* for addition; *nor* for negation; *but* and *yet* for contrast; *or* for giving an alternative; and *so* for stating a result.
- When you use a coordinating conjunction to combine two independent clauses, you need to use a comma before the conjunction.
 - Example: *The defense attorney said that the verdict was unfair, **and** he vowed to appeal.*

Excerpted from: Sentence Combining: Exercise 1