

Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions are used to join two independent clauses that are of equal importance.



“**and**” (+) and “**nor**” (-) show agreement between clauses.

“**yet**”, and “**but**” show disagreement between clauses.

“**for**” and “**so**” show a reason between clauses.

“**or**” can show either agreement or disagreement between clauses.

When using a coordinating conjunction to join two *independent* clauses (complete thoughts), use a comma before the conjunction.

DIRECTIONS: Underline each independent clause in the sentences below. Circle whether the conjunction is used to show agreement, disagreement, or a reason.

1. Paul eats vegetables, and George eats fruit.

agreement

disagreement

reason

2. Frank wants a vacation, but his mom wants him to get a job.

agreement

disagreement

reason

3. It's snowing, so I didn't go outside.

agreement

disagreement

reason

4. Ryan works hard, but his brother never does anything.

agreement

disagreement

reason

5. Ed made an effort, but he still can't ride a bike.

agreement

disagreement

reason