



Types of Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word that joins sentences, phrases, or words together. A **coordinating conjunction** joins words that are equally important in a sentence. The three most common coordinating conjunctions are: *and*, *but*, and *or*. For example:

The rabbit was light, and the balloons lifted him up.

In this example, the lightness of the rabbit and the lifting of the balloons are equally important, but not necessarily related.

A **subordinating conjunction** joins words, but also shows a relationship between the words. For example;

The rabbit wanted to leave, so he travelled by balloon.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. Identify whether the conjunction is a coordinating conjunction (C) or a subordinating conjunction (S). Write C or S on the line next to the sentence.

- _____ 1. I washed the dishes, and I did the laundry.
- _____ 2. The dog won't come inside unless you give him a treat.
- _____ 3. Mom called, but she didn't say when she would be home.
- _____ 4. It's hot in here because the thermostat is broken.
- _____ 5. Should we eat in, or should we go out?
- _____ 6. We will succeed if we all work together.