

Lesson 11**Conjunctions: Coordinating, Correlative, and Subordinating; Interjections**

A **conjunction** is a word that joins single words or groups of words. A **coordinating conjunction** joins words or groups of words that have equal grammatical weight in a sentence. *And, but, or, nor, for, so, and yet* are coordinating conjunctions.

Germaine washed the dishes **and** dried them.
The squirrel buried the nut, **but** the dog dug it up.

Correlative conjunctions work in pairs to join words and groups of words of equal weight in a sentence.

both...and	just as...so	not only...but also
either...or	neither...nor	whether...or

Both whales **and** dolphins are mammals.
Whether I fail **or** succeed, my parents will still support me.

A **subordinating conjunction** joins two ideas, or clauses, so that one is grammatically dependent on the other.

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

He listened to music **until** he fell asleep.
Whenever I see a mountain, I want to climb it.

► **Exercise 1** Circle the conjunctions. In the blank write *coord.* if the conjunction is coordinating. Write *corr.* if the conjunction is correlative. Write *sub.* if the conjunction is subordinate.

sub. We will leave for vacation as soon as the tickets arrive.

- _____ 1. While many people have watched a marathon race, few have ever competed in one.
- _____ 2. It's Friday night, and I have to stay home to clean my room.
- _____ 3. Neither Sasha nor her brother could locate the car.
- _____ 4. We will visit Washington, D.C., or Williamsburg, Virginia, in June.
- _____ 5. Although I prefer apples, I also like strawberries.
- _____ 6. Both Jason and Eric made the basketball team.
- _____ 7. Whenever the parents leave for work, the children throw a temper tantrum.
- _____ 8. The fans were quiet until the golfer putted.

- _____ 9. The deadline for our science project is in two weeks, so you still have time.
- _____ 10. Not only did Maria win, but she also broke her record.
- _____ 11. Patrick overslept and missed the bus.
- _____ 12. In soccer, as long as you head the ball properly, it will not hurt you.
- _____ 13. Coach Ramirez debated whether to kick or to run.
- _____ 14. When the verdict came in, the defendant sobbed.
- _____ 15. Is Dad cooking dinner tonight or ordering pizza?
- _____ 16. Wherever the divers went, they found a treasure.
- _____ 17. Either your assignments are in on time or you fail the course.
- _____ 18. The Jacksons lock their doors every night because thefts occur frequently in their town.
- _____ 19. The storm intensified, but the hikers continued their journey.
- _____ 20. Just as radar works by sending out signals, so does sonar.

An **interjection** is a word that expresses emotion or exclamation. An interjection has no grammatical connection to other words.

oh wow oops ouch well whew ah yipes uh-oh
 gee ow hey hooray alas why man my uh-huh

Why, I didn't realize that. **Oops**, sorry about that. **Uh-oh**, she'd better watch out.

► **Exercise 2** Complete each sentence by choosing an interjection from the list above.

- _____ **Uh-oh** _____, I forgot my jacket.
- 1. _____! That hurt!
- 2. _____! We won!
- 3. _____, I'm going. Will I see you there?
- 4. _____, that was a close call.
- 5. _____, I didn't know you wanted to come.
- 6. _____, that tastes great!
- 7. _____, if you don't want to play, don't play.
- 8. _____! You stepped on my foot.
- 9. _____, what did you think it meant?
- 10. _____, how you've grown.