
Grade 4 Lecture: Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS)

Topic: Coordinating Conjunctions

Level: Grade 4

Duration: 20–25 minutes

1. What Are Coordinating Conjunctions?

Coordinating conjunctions are **small joining words**.

They connect:

- two words
- two phrases
- two sentences

They help our writing flow smoothly.

2. FANBOYS — The 7 Coordinating Conjunctions

Use the acronym **FANBOYS** to remember them:

Letter Conjunction		Meaning / Use
F	For	gives a reason
A	And	adds information
N	Nor	negative addition (not this, not that)
B	But	shows contrast (difference)
O	Or	shows a choice
Y	Yet	unexpected contrast
S	So	shows a result

3. Simple Examples (Grade 4 Level)

For – reason

- I wore a jacket, **for** it was cold.

And – adding

- Ali ate an apple **and** drank juice.

Nor – negative

- She doesn't like tea, **nor** does she like coffee.

But – difference

- I wanted to play, **but** it started to rain.

Or – choice

- Would you like rice **or** bread?

Yet – surprising

- It was sunny, **yet** it felt cold.

So – result

- He studied hard, **so** he got good marks.
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4. Why Are FANBOYS Important?

They help students:

- Combine short choppy sentences
 - Improve writing flow
 - Show clear relationships between ideas
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5. Classroom Practice (with answers)

A. Choose the correct conjunction:

1. I want to go to the park, ____ it is too late.
2. Do you want tea ____ coffee?
3. I am tired, ____ I must finish my homework.
4. She ran fast, ____ she missed the bus.
5. Ahmed likes cricket ____ football.

Answers:

1. but
 2. or
 3. yet / but (depending on meaning)
 4. yet / but
 5. and
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B. Join the sentences using a FANBOYS conjunction

1. I washed my hands. I ate lunch.
2. It was raining. We played outside anyway.
3. He didn't call me. He didn't message me.

Sample Answers:

1. I washed my hands **and** I ate lunch.
 2. It was raining, **yet** we played outside.
 3. He didn't call me, **nor** did he message me.
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6. Mini Test (5 Marks)

Rewrite using a coordinating conjunction:

1. I like apples. I like bananas.
2. She was hungry. She didn't eat.
3. You can stay here. You can go home.
4. It was cold. They went swimming.
5. He didn't see the cat. He didn't hear it.