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What is Conjunctions

Conjunctions: The Glue of Sentences!

DEFINITION

Conjunctions are words that connect phrases, clauses, or words in a sentence. They help us combine ideas smoothly.

KEY CONCEPTS

Coordinating Conjunctions

These connect words or groups of words that are similar, like 'and', 'but', and 'or'.

Subordinating Conjunctions

These connect a dependent clause to an independent clause, such as 'because', 'although', and 'since'.

Correlative Conjunctions

These work in pairs to connect equal elements, like 'either...or', 'neither...nor', and 'both...and'.

Usage in Sentences

Conjunctions help create complex sentences by linking ideas, making writing more interesting.

Punctuation Rules

When using conjunctions, remember to use commas correctly, especially in longer sentences.

EXAMPLES

- I want pizza and ice cream.
- She sings beautifully, but he plays the guitar.
- You can have tea or coffee.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember FANBOYS for coordinating conjunctions: For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So.
- ★ Think of conjunctions as 'connectors' to visualize their role in sentences.
- ★ Use the phrase 'join together' to remember what conjunctions do.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Using a comma before a conjunction when it's not needed.
- ✗ Confusing subordinating conjunctions with coordinating ones.
- ✗ Forgetting to use a conjunction when combining two ideas.

QUICK RECAP

Conjunctions are essential for connecting ideas in sentences. They come in different types, including coordinating, subordinating, and correlative. Remember to use them correctly to enhance your writing!