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What is Conjunctions

Conjunctions connect words, phrases, and clauses in sentences!

DEFINITION

> Conjunctions are words that link other words or groups of words together. They help create more complex and meaningful sentences.

KEY CONCEPTS

Coordinating Conjunctions

These connect words or groups of equal importance, like 'and', 'but', and 'or'.

Subordinating Conjunctions

These introduce dependent clauses and connect them to independent clauses, such as 'because' and 'although'.

Correlative Conjunctions

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

Conjunction Usage

Using conjunctions correctly can improve sentence flow and clarity.

Punctuation with Conjunctions

Commas are often used before coordinating conjunctions in compound sentences.

EXAMPLES

→ I like apples and oranges.

→ She went to the park because it was sunny.

→ Either you finish your homework, or you can't play.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember FANBOYS for coordinating conjunctions: For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So.

★ Think of 'subordinate' as 'under' to remember subordinating conjunctions connect less important clauses.

★ Use the pairs in correlative conjunctions to create a rhythm: 'either...or' sounds catchy!

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Using a comma before a conjunction when not needed.

✗ Confusing coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

✗ Omitting conjunctions in compound sentences.

QUICK RECAP

Conjunctions are essential for linking words and clauses in sentences. Remember the types: coordinating, subordinating, and correlative. Practice using them to enhance your writing!