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Beginner lessons for Conjunctions

Unlock sentences with conjunctions for better communication!

DEFINITION

Conjunctions are words that connect phrases, clauses, or words in a sentence. They help 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 introduce dependent clauses and connect them to independent clauses, such as 'because', 'although', and 'since'.

Correlative Conjunctions

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

Conjunctive Adverbs

These adverbs act like conjunctions to connect independent clauses, examples include 'however', 'therefore', and 'meanwhile'.

EXAMPLES

→ I want to go for a walk, but it's raining.

→ She likes apples and oranges.

→ You can have tea or coffee.

MEMORY TIPS

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

★ Use the phrase 'one connects, the other relates' to distinguish between coordinating and subordinating.

★ Think of correlative pairs as 'couples' that always come together.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Using a comma before a conjunction in a simple sentence.

✗ Confusing coordinating with subordinating conjunctions.

✗ Omitting conjunctions in compound sentences.

QUICK RECAP

Conjunctions are essential for linking ideas in sentences. They come in different forms, including coordinating, subordinating, and correlative. Understanding how to use them will enhance your writing and speaking skills.