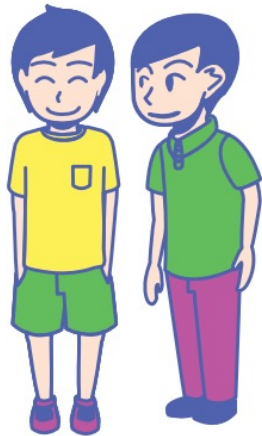
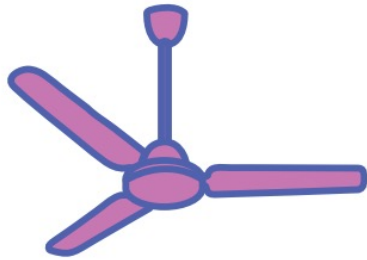


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coordinating conjunctions

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Coordinating Conjunctions

These are the words that join two independent clauses (sentences) together.

When separated, the two individual sentences make sense.

For example,
I went to the beach and I played in the water.

Sentence 1: I went to the beach

Sentence 2: I played in the water

Conjunction: and

Fanboys is a mnemonic device (something that helps us to remember information) to help us remember common conjunctions.



FANBOYS

The English language has 7 co-ordinating conjunctions, which are easy to remember if you use the acronym: FANBOYS.

For

Explains reason or purpose (just like "because")
e.g. I always save my pocket money, for I love to buy new things.

And

Used for addition
e.g. My dog Floyd sleeps on the bed, and my cat Buster naps in the bathtub.

Nor

Presents an alternative negative idea to an already mentioned negative idea
e.g. To be honest, neither the shops nor the chocolates interest me the most. I really just like the clothes.

But

Used to show contrast
e.g. The shops are fantastic any day, but it's better when the sales are on!

Or

Presents a choice or alternative
e.g. You can come buy groceries with me, or you can stay home until I get back.

Yet

Presents a contrasting idea, that logically follows the preceding idea (similar to "but")
e.g. I seem to save my money for weeks, yet I never seem to have enough.

So

Used to indicate a consequence or result
e.g. Running out of money has become a real problem for me, so I've decided to start doing some extra jobs!

This poster helps us to understand the different ways that we can use these conjunctions.

We use conjunctions in compound sentences and when joining our ideas together, we often need a comma.

For example, I went to the beach, but I didn't see any whales.

