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Conjunctions & Transitions

1. Conjunctions are used to connect simple sentences (or independent clauses). Use coordinate conjunctions to join two sentences. Here is a list of coordinators:

for	and	nor
but	or	yet
so		

***Write two simple sentences that are related:

***Now combine the sentences using a coordinate conjunctions. The result is a compound sentence.

2. Subordinate conjunctions are used to connect two clauses, one independent clause and one dependent clause. Here are several examples of subordinate conjunctions:

after	although	as far as
as soon as	as if	as though
because	before	even if
even though	how	if
inasmuch as	in case that	insofar as
in that	lest	no matter how
now that	once	provided that
since	so that	than
through	till	unless
until	when	whenever
wherever	whether	while
why		

Complex sentences are written with subordinate conjunctions.

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3. Connectors and transitions are not conjunctions because they do not combine ideas into one sentence. Instead, these words and phrases are used to improve the flow of writing between sentences and paragraphs. Skilled writers in *Grade 6* and *Grade 7* must attempt to use these tools when writing and speaking. :-)

Connectors	Contrast	Emphasis	Addition
Therefore Similarly Hence Then Consequently Also Thus	However Otherwise Instead of But Yet On the other hand Although Even though In contrast to (with) On the Contrary Still	Keep in mind Remember Most of all Most important The best thing The basic reason The chief factor Special attention... goes to should be paid to	First of all Another reason is In addition Also Moreover The most important reason is Finally For example This means that Equally important

Time showing Chronology	Time	Time			Comment
When I was five years old As a little girl When I grew older As a university student As an adult	Then Next Afterwards After this step Finally	The	first second third next final	step phase stage	Interestingly Surprisingly Undoubtedly Unavoidably Frustratingly

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