Starter: Coordinating Conjunction

What is a conjunction?

There are two types of conjunctions - coordinating conjunctions and subordinating conjunctions.

Coordinating conjunctions

Conjunctions are joining words that link together parts of a sentence.

The three main coordinating conjunctions are 'and', 'but' and 'or'.

They can be used to join together two clauses in a sentence. However, the clauses need to make sense on their own. For example:

I had a terrible cold. I still went to work.

You can add the coordinating conjunction 'but' in between these causes so the sentence reads:

I had a terrible cold but I still went to school.

Remember though, you can often leave out the subject word in the second coordinating clause. For example:

I had a terrible cold but still went to school.

In this example you can remove the word 'I' from the second coordinating clause.

Join these sentences using coordinating conjunctions:

I grabbed my bag and I walked to school.

It was raining heavily but I went to the park

I can play on my Xbox or I can play with my sister.

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A subordinating clause is a part of a sentence that adds additional information to the main clause.

"He was annoyed, the train had stopped."

"He was annoyed because the train had stopped."

By adding 'because' we are linking the subordinating clause "the train had stopped" with the main clause "He was annoyed".

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Read through the text with your partner.

Can you find any subordinating conjunctions?

I DO: Use 'because' in a sentence.

I had to thaw out my boots because they froze in the night.

WE DO: Use 'when' in a sentence.

They felt exhausted when they reached the summit of Mount Everest.

YOU DO:

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Pick a conjunction from the board..

Use the conjunction in a sentence.

Challenge: Can you improve your sentence using an expanded noun phrase?