FANBOYS COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Use **coordinating conjunctions** to join two independent clauses.

The mnemonic **FANBOYS** lists the seven coordinating conjunctions.



FOR

Indicates causation:

We developed our thesis outline early, <u>for</u> we needed to plan ahead.



AND

Joins **two or more items** without specifying their relationship:

I am contacting our stakeholders, and Chris is writing the initial report.



NOR

Adds to previously stated negation:
The first test did not yield
significant results, nor did it
contribute to the study.



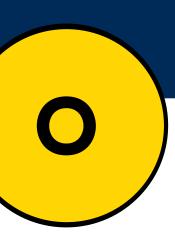


BUT

Signals a contradiction or caveat:

Chris and I faced an initial

setback, but we determined an alternative method.



OR

Indicates alternatives:

I could conduct surveys, <u>or</u> I could gather the qualitative data.



YET

Like "but," means nevertheless or in spite of something:
This was a challenging new approach, yet we persevered.

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SO

If "for" indicates the cause, "so" introduces the **effect**:

Our methods took a different direction, <u>so</u> we met with our advisory team.

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