

CONJUNCTIONS

A **conjunction** is a word that joins single words or groups of words in a sentence.

The most common conjunctions—*and*, *but*, and *or*—are called **coordinating conjunctions**.

Coordinating conjunctions can be used to connect individual nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, phrases, or clauses.

We scoured *and* scrubbed the kitchen sink.

Simon is very relaxed *or* very lazy.

I have recovered, *but* my sister is still sick.

Correlative conjunctions are pairs of words used to connect words or phrases in a sentence. Correlative conjunctions include *both . . . and*, *either . . . or*, *neither . . . nor*, and *not only . . . but also*.

Both Wanda **and** Emily **are** right-handed.

Neither the coach **nor** Ms. Thomas **is** left-handed.

They will **either** marry **or** break up.

and

neither ... nor

but

either ... or

or

not only ... but also