

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #8

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### FOCUS     Coordinating Conjunctions

A **conjunction** joins words, phrases, or clauses together.

### CONNECT TO WRITING

A **coordinating conjunction** connects words, phrases, or clauses with related meanings. The memory trick FANBOYS (For-And-Nor-But-Or-Yet-So) may help you remember the common two or three-letter coordinating conjunctions.

**Example:** Two desserts are fine, *but* three are better.

### PRACTICE

Read the following short story and fill in the blanks with the correct coordinating conjunctions.

Liz \_\_\_\_\_ Pam both wanted to see the new scary movie, \_\_\_\_\_ they were afraid. The friends did not want to go alone, \_\_\_\_\_ did they want to go with their parents. The girls decided to get more friends to go, \_\_\_\_\_ they bought a dozen tickets \_\_\_\_\_ treated ten of their friends to a free movie. Liz planned on buying popcorn, \_\_\_\_\_ not drinks for her friends. Pam did not have much money, \_\_\_\_\_ she decided to buy candy for all of her friends.

The movie was scary, \_\_\_\_\_ it was fun to see it with lots of friends. Both Liz \_\_\_\_\_ Pam say that their friends will have to pay their own way the next time. They would like to always treat their friends but they can't, \_\_\_\_\_ it would just be too expensive.

### WRITE

Compose your own sentence or two using two or more coordinating conjunctions.

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## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #9

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### FOCUS Subordinating Conjunctions

A **subordinating conjunction** begins a dependent clause.

### CONNECT TO WRITING

A **subordinating conjunction** begins a dependent clause. A dependent clause is a noun and connected verb that does not express a complete thought. It *depends* upon connecting to a complete thought to form a sentence.

**Example:** Although my friends had already seen it, they saw the show a second time.

This memory trick will help you remember the common subordinating conjunctions:

**Bud is wise, but hot! AAA WWW**

**Bud:** Before, unless, despite (in spite of); **is:** in order that, since;

**wise:** while, if, since, even though (if); **but:** because, until, that; **hot:** how, once, than!

**AAA:** After; Although (though); As (As if, As long as, As much as, As soon as, As though)

**WWW:** Whether; When (Whenever); Where (Wherever)

### PRACTICE

Read the following short story and fill in the blanks with the correct subordinating conjunctions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Salma went to bed, she set her alarm to wake up early. The next day was going to be an important one for Salma \_\_\_\_\_ she was meeting with the principal to receive a special citizenship award. She woke up \_\_\_\_\_ she heard the alarm and crept downstairs to make her breakfast. \_\_\_\_\_ she was up early, her father had already eaten his breakfast and had left for work. \_\_\_\_\_ her father knew that Salma would be short on time that morning, he packed a lunch for his daughter and put it on the table \_\_\_\_\_ she would be sure to see it. \_\_\_\_\_ her father's help, Salma did leave the house a bit late.

### WRITE

Compose your own sentence beginning with a subordinating conjunction.

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# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #10

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## **FOCUS** Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions join words, phrases, or clauses together.

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

Correlative conjunctions are pairs of conjunctions used in the same sentence that indicate a certain relationship. Common correlative conjunctions include the following:

both...and      either...or      whether...or      neither...nor

**Example:** *Either* we work together, *or* we will fail together.

## **PRACTICE**

Read the following short story and fill in the blanks with the correct correlative conjunctions.

Both Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ I love to play basketball. After school we are \_\_\_\_\_ playing one-on-one out on the playground \_\_\_\_\_ talking about our next league game. It's great to be on the same team as my best friend, even though our team has only won one game this season. Our coach always tells us, "It's not \_\_\_\_\_ you win \_\_\_\_\_ lose that matters; it's how you play the game. \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ I are the best players on our team, but we are getting better with each game. \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor and I plan to practice a lot over the summer. Hopefully, we will be on the same team again next year.

## **WRITE**

Compose your own sentence or two with two pairs of correlative conjunctions.

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# **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #7 Practice Answers**

to [flag], of [United States], of [America], to [republic], for [which], under [God],  
with [liberty], for [all], in [schools], throughout [America], over [heart], on [flag], to [country]

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #8 Practice Answers**

and, but, yet, so, and, but, yet, but (yet), and, for

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #9 Practice Answers**

Before, because (since, as), when, Although (Even though), Since (Because), where, Despite (In spite of)

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #10 Practice Answers**

and, either, or, whether, or, Neither, nor, Both

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #11 Practice Answers**

traveler, Tasco, cathedral, Guadalajara, city, one, Mexico City, trip, an experienced traveler

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #12 Practice Answers**

running 28 miles + the marathon, Track fans + casual spectators, Basketball + ice-hockey, The “Dream Team” + the United States hockey team, These two popular events + the track-and-field contests

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #13 Practice Answers**

Ice cream + [has pleased], ice cream + [is], treat + [has], Rocky Road + [delights],  
nuts + marshmallows + [may cause], double-scoop + [tastes], Eating ice cream + [can be]

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #14 Practice Answers**

works + [stand] + [are remembered], description + [entertains] + [informs],  
one + [will learn] + [will understand], novel + [teaches] + [preaches],  
hero + [struggles] + [triumphs], Debbie walked into the room, sat down in the chair,  
and heaved a sigh of relief.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #15 Practice Answers**

1. imperative 2. exclamatory 3. interrogative 4. declarative