

Co-ordinating conjunctions



What is the word that can help us to remember all seven of the co-ordinating conjunctions?

Identify the **subject (s)**, the **verb or verb phrase (v/vp)** in each **independent clause**. Underline the co-ordinating conjunctions in each sentence.

Some asteroids are harmless, but other asteroids can pose a threat.

500,000 pieces of space junk orbit Earth and the junk includes items like spanners!

Nobody can walk on Jupiter or Uranus, for they have no solid surface.

NASA may explore Saturn next, or they may investigate Venus.

We could fly a rocket to Pluto, yet it would take 800 years!

The USA landed on the Moon first, so they won the Space Race.

Which is the only co-ordinating conjunction which does not have to have a comma before it when it is being used to join two independent clauses?

Taylor has been asked to complete this sentence with an independent clause.

I have got my backpack and my lunchbox.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.

Complete each of these sentences with an independent clause.
(subject + verb = independent clause)

It is big, for _____.

It is big, or _____.

It is big, and _____.

It is big, yet _____.

It is big, but _____.

It is big, so _____.

Which two co-ordinating conjunctions have a similar function: to join contrasting (opposite) ideas?

