

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Definition of Conjunction

A conjunction is a word that join words, phrases, clauses and sentences.

Example

There are three major types of conjunctions:

- Coordinate Conjunction
- Subordinate Conjunction
- Correlative Conjunction

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Coordinate Conjunction

Coordinate conjunctions usually links elements of the same grammatical class. For example, it connects **nouns with nouns, adverbs with adverbs, phrases with phrases** and **clauses with clauses**.

Example

Some important coordinate conjunctions are:

- And, but, for, or, nor, also, either...or, neither...nor.

Examples:

- John and Jolly are friends. **(Join two nouns)**
- He walks slowly and lazily. **(Connects two adverbs)**

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Coordinate Conjunction

Coordinate conjunctions usually links elements of the same grammatical class. For example, it connects **nouns with nouns, adverbs with adverbs, phrases with phrases** and **clauses with clauses**.

Kinds

Coordinate conjunction are further divided into four types:

- Cumulative or copulative conjunctions
- Adversative conjunction
- Disjunctive or alternative conjunctions
- Illative conjunction

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Cumulative or copulative conjunctions

Cumulative conjunction merely adds one element to other.

Examples

Some cumulative conjunctions are:

And, both....and, as well as, not only....but also.

Examples:

- John writes books **and** CJ prints them.
- Jacky got up **and** went to the bath room.

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Adversative Conjunction

Adversative Conjunction link opposite statements.

Examples

Some adversative conjunctions are:

But, still, yet, whereas, while, nevertheless etc.

Examples:

- The string is thin but it is strong.
- The story is strange yet true.

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Disjunctive or Alternative Conjunctions

Conjunctions which present two alternatives are called **disjunctive or alternative conjunction**.

Examples

Some disjunctive conjunctions are:

Or, either...or, neither...nor, neither, nor, otherwise, else etc.

Examples:

- Grapes are either green or red.
- We will go to the river or stay at home.
- Neither he nor his wife enjoyed the picnic.

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Illative Conjunction

Illative conjunction shows result or logical judgment.

Examples

Some illative conjunctions are:

So, there, hence, thus, because, as, for, etc.

Examples:

- Somebody has come, for I have heard a knock at the door.
- He was ill, so he did not go to college.

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Subordinate Conjunction

A subordinate conjunction introduces a subordinate clause. It links the subordinate's clause to the independent clause.

Examples

- After
- as long as
- because
- even though
- in the event that
- only
- so
- though
- when
- whenever
- although
- as much as
- before
- if
- lest
- only if
- supposing
- till
- whenever
- whether or not
- as
- as soon as
- by the time
- in order that
- now that
- provided that
- that
- unless
- where
- while.
- as if
- as through
- even if
- in case
- once
- since
- than
- until
- whereas
-

CONJUNCTION AND ITS TYPES

Subordinate Conjunction

The phrases that are used as conjunctions are called compound conjunctions.

Examples

Some of the compound conjunctions are given below:

So that, provided that, as well as, as soon as, as long as, such as, in order that, as if, as though, etc.