

# 18.1 Conjunctions • Practice 1

**Coordinating Conjunctions** A conjunction connects words or groups of words. Coordinating conjunctions connect words or groups of words that are similar: two or more nouns, two or more verbs, two or more prepositional phrases, or even entire sentences.

COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS			
and	for	or	yet
but	nor	so	

**Correlative Conjunctions** Correlative conjunctions always come in pairs and, like coordinating conjunctions, connect similar kinds of words or groups of words.

CORRELATIVE CONJUNCTIONS	
both ... and	not only ... but also
either ... or	whether ... or
neither ... nor	

**Exercise 1 Identifying Conjunctions.** Underline the conjunctions in the sentences below. In the blank, write whether the conjunction is coordinating or correlative.

**EXAMPLE:** My brother and I are twins. coordinating

- The novel was long, but very interesting. \_\_\_\_\_
- Neither the living room nor the dining room needs painting. \_\_\_\_\_
- You can reach me at home or at my office. \_\_\_\_\_
- Both the band and the choir are performing out of town. \_\_\_\_\_
- The man had a scarred yet appealing face. \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to go swimming, but I have to work. \_\_\_\_\_
- Whether we win or lose depends on you. \_\_\_\_\_
- He saw neither his mother nor his father in the grandstands. \_\_\_\_\_
- Not only is our street the longest in town, but it is also the most beautiful. \_\_\_\_\_
- I am studying and do not wish to be disturbed. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2 Using Conjunctions in Sentences.** Fill in each blank with an appropriate conjunction.

**EXAMPLE:** He left after school and went home.

- I enjoy English \_\_\_\_\_ math is very difficult.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ the family room has been cleaned.
- The tulips in the garden were red \_\_\_\_\_ purple.
- I want to join the Drama Club \_\_\_\_\_ the band this year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ we change our strategy \_\_\_\_\_ we will lose the game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ my brother \_\_\_\_\_ my sister have red hair.
- The fighter was beaten \_\_\_\_\_ still proud.
- I will not be at work today \_\_\_\_\_ I have to be out of town.
- A kite \_\_\_\_\_ a record would be a nice present.
- I wonder \_\_\_\_\_ blue \_\_\_\_\_ green is the best color for our house.