

## 5.2 Conjunctions

### Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions connect similar words. They will connect two or more nouns, adjectives, or verbs. They can also connect larger groups of words, such as phrases, or even sentences.

COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS			
and	for	or	yet
but	nor	so	

### Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions come in pairs. They connect the same kinds of similar words or groups of words as do coordinating conjunctions.

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

**EXERCISE A: Identifying Coordinating and Correlative Conjunctions.** Find and circle the conjunctions below. Write *C* for each coordinating conjunction and *COR* for correlative conjunctions.

EXAMPLE: Both Sylvia and I will participate. COR

- Neither my brother nor my sister is eager to go. COR
- I would like to buy a new stereo, but I can't afford to. C
- For our surprise party the entire family cooked and baked. C
- Either Stan or Bobby will run the final lap in the race. COR
- Not only was I surprised, but I was also disappointed. C
- Marie kept working, for she knew her deadline was close. C
- We intend to visit both Toronto and Ottawa. COR
- Whether Diane or Annette represents us is unimportant. COR
- My brother will sing or play the saxophone. C
- Our old car is large yet economical. C

**EXERCISE B: Writing Original Sentences Using Conjunctions.** Use each conjunction below in an original sentence. Remember that you can connect nouns, verbs, adjectives, phrases, or sentences.

EXAMPLE: nor I won't drive, nor will I take a train.

- but \_\_\_\_\_
- both . . . and \_\_\_\_\_
- or \_\_\_\_\_
- either . . . or \_\_\_\_\_
- yet \_\_\_\_\_
- whether . . . or \_\_\_\_\_
- and \_\_\_\_\_
- neither . . . nor \_\_\_\_\_
- for \_\_\_\_\_
- not only . . . but also \_\_\_\_\_