

Correlating Conjunctions

Objective: The purpose of this content sheet is to define and properly use correlating conjunctions.

Overview: Most students are taught the basic coordinating conjunctions for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so -- otherwise known as FANBOYS, but there are two other types of conjunctions. In this cheat sheet, correlating conjunctions will be discussed. Correlating conjunctions ensure variety and proper flow in an essay.

Definition: correlating conjunctions are a grammatical part of speech in the English language which work in pairs to join words, phrases, or clauses of equal rank (two adjectives, two nouns, two clauses, etc.). More specifically, correlating conjunctions are a pair of conjunctions that relate one sentence element to another.



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Hardly ... when	I had hardly closed my eyes when she came.
Such ... that	He is such a smart boy that he passes his math exams successfully.
Neither ... nor	Neither George nor his brother is very tall.
Whether ... or	He must do it, whether he likes it or not.
As ... as	He's not singing as loudly as he can.
Rather ... than	I would rather go out than stay at home today.
Scarcely ... when	Scarcely had I gone to bed when the doorbell rang.
Both ... and	Michael can both read and write.
Not only ... but also	Not only Mary but also Gabriel is from Italy.
Either ... or	I can have either cola or tea.
So ... as	Her story isn't so boring as theirs.
No sooner ... than	We had no sooner gone to bed than the phone rang.
The more ... the more	The more you can dream, the more you can do.
So ... that	My mother speaks so quickly that nobody understands what she says.

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