

Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word that joins two words or two phrases together.
The most commonly used conjunctions are: and, but, or
Some other common conjunctions are : yet, for, nor, so

A conjunction can join two independent clauses (two sentences). Usually a comma is needed before the conjunction.

Example: We need flour, sugar, butter, vanilla, an egg, **and** chocolate chips for the recipe.

A conjunction is often used at the end of a list. Sometimes a comma is needed before the conjunction. This is called a serial comma, or Oxford comma. Not everyone uses the Oxford comma.

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If you decide to use or not use an oxford comma, remember to stay consistent.

Read the sentences below. Circle the conjunctions.

Jake kicked the soccer ball too hard **and** it landed in the bleachers.

My mom **and** sister baked a cake for dessert.

I used noodles, tomato sauce, meatballs **and** cheese to make spaghetti.

The baby loved to dress up **but** loved wearing her tiara best.

Connor was not sure if he wanted eggs **or** waffles for breakfast.

Ray **and** I went to the library after school.

Sally wanted to play outside **but** it was too cold.

I went to the beach **and** surfed all day.

