

Top *three* coordinating conjunctions

AND

Add words to a list:

- Sam and Mike are brothers.
- We bought milk, butter, and sugar*

Add phrases:

- Sam cleans the house and does the laundry
- We add the flour, combine it with the butter, and mix them together*

Add two or more sentences together:

- Sam cleans the house, and Mike does the laundry.*

Coordinating Conjunctions

join words, phrases, and sentences together.

The coordinating conjunctions in English are sometimes called **FANBOYS**.

For (meaning because), **A**nd, **N**or (negative of or), **B**ut, **O**r, **Y**et (meaning but), and **S**o.

The three most common of these are AND, BUT, and OR.

BUT

Contrast phrases:

- We bought milk but not sugar.

Contrast sentences:

- Sam likes to clean, but Mike hates cleaning.*

OR

Give a choice between words:

- Do you want to talk to Sam or Mike?
- Should we buy milk, butter, or sugar?*

Give a choice between phrases:

- I will clean the house or do the laundry.
- Do I add the flour, melt the butter, or mix in the salt first?*

Give a choice between sentences:

- Should I add more sugar, or should I add more salt?*



Don't forget to add commas:

- when three or more items are on a list

(milk, butter, and sugar)

- when two complete sentences are put together

(Sam likes to clean, but Mike hates cleaning.)