

Recognize a coordinating conjunction when you see one.

And, but, for, nor, or, so, and yet—these are the seven coordinating conjunctions. To remember all seven, you might want to learn one of these acronyms: **FANBOYS**, **YAFNOBS**, or **FONYBAS**.

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Coordinating conjunctions connect words, **phrases**, and **clauses**. Look at the examples that follow:

1. The bowl of squid eyeball stew is hot **and** delicious.
2. The squid eyeball stew is so thick that you can eat it with a fork **or** spoon.
3. Rocky, my orange tomcat, loves having his head scratched **but** hates getting his claws trimmed.
4. Rocky terrorizes the poodles next door **yet** adores the German shepherd across the street.
5. Rocky refuses to eat dry cat food, **nor** will he touch a saucer of squid eyeball stew.
6. I hate to waste a single drop of squid eyeball stew, **for** it is expensive and time-consuming to make.
7. Even though I added cream to the squid eyeball stew, Rocky ignored his serving, **so** I got a spoon and ate it myself.