

Worksheet 1

Prepositional phrases are generally made up of a preposition followed by a noun or pronoun. They add information that helps readers understand the sentence. Look at how these prepositional phrases are used in the following sentences.

In the classroom, students need to listen to the teacher.

Jonathon placed his glasses by the book on the table.

Kaitlyn likes to ski during her vacations from school.

Along rivers in the Rocky Mountains, you'll see a lot of people fly fishing.

Coordinating conjunctions or FANBOYS are one way writers add information to their sentences and show a relationship between two parts of the sentence. Each FANBOY has a different meaning.

Coordinating Conjunction	Meaning
for	reason/cause
and	additional information that is equal
*nor	two things or actions that are not true
but	contrast
or	choices or alternatives
yet	contrast
so	result

*Nor requires an additional explanation that is not covered on this worksheet.

Independent Clause	Comma	Coordinating Conjunction	Independent Clause 2
Jenna was exhausted last night	,	for	she had run a 10K in the morning.
Some parents pay for their children's gasoline	,	and	the children have to pay for the car insurance.
My dog ate my homework	,	but	I haven't told my teacher yet.
My family goes to the movies on Friday nights	,	or	we have dinner together at home.
I got an A on my last English essay	,	yet	I still have to work hard to get an A in the class.
Some cars have hybrid engines	,	so	they get good gas mileage.

Subordinating conjunctions, like FANBOYS, are a way for writers to show a relationship between two parts of a sentence. Study the list of the most commonly used subordinating conjunctions and their meaning.

Subordinating Conjunctions	Meaning
after, as, as soon as, before, since, until, when, whenever, while	time
as, due to the fact that, because, since	reason/cause
although, despite the fact that, even though, in spite of the fact that, though	concession
whereas, while	contrast
so . . . that, such . . . that	result
so that, in order that	purpose
where, wherever	place

Practice: Follow the instructions on the video and use the space below to expand the sentence.

Students study.

1. Expand the subject.

2. Add a prepositional phrase.

3. Write a second sentence and connect to the original sentence with one of the FANBOYS.

4. Write another sentence and connect it to the previous sentence with a subordinating conjunction.

5. Reorder your sentence, beginning with the subordinating conjunction and clause.
