

The Conjunction

14g. A *conjunction* joins words or word groups.

COORDINATING CONJUNCTION It has not yet begun to rain, **so** I will go to the game.

CORRELATIVE CONJUNCTION **Either** Alice **or** Yoshiro will drive to the field.

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION **Because** it was beginning to rain, we left early.

EXERCISE A In the following sentences, underline the coordinating conjunctions once and the correlative conjunctions twice. Circle the subordinate conjunctions.

Example 1. Why does this acreage have fewer trees and shrubs than that one does?

- Not only did I feel foolish, but I also looked ridiculous.
- You may not believe me, yet I'm telling the truth!
- We plan to travel through Europe by train, for there is much we want to see.
- Would you like to join the computer club since you enjoy creating computer programs?
- I can't find my other shoe, and my bus is here!
- The coach had tried to guide the team so that they could succeed.
- Both Jules and Tess have passed the preliminary college entrance exams.
- Though the sky is filled with many constellations, my favorite is still the Big Dipper.
- Neither Ken nor Uni had seen the movie.
- I hopped on one foot while I pulled off the wet sock.

EXERCISE B In the paragraph below, fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunctions.

Example [1] Akira and I had planned to play soccer on Saturday; it was raining, though, _____ *so* _____ we decided to try something new.

[11] _____ Akira _____ I had been to the new museum, _____ we had heard many good things about it. [12] _____ the Museum of Modern Art was crowded, we still saw many amazing paintings and sculptures. [13] We looked at some of the museum's permanent collection, _____ a traveling exhibit was what most people had come to see. [14] _____ we both like photography, our favorite part of that exhibit was a group of scenes by a local photographer. [15] Our first trip to the museum was an enriching experience, _____ we will definitely return.