## GRAMMAR

Clauses and Conjunctions

### Clauses

- Clause Made up of a subject and a predicate
- Can stand alone as a sentence or be part of a larger sentence
- Independent clause can stand alone
- Dependent clause needs to be paired up with an independent clause

## Examples

Independent clause: I threw the ball

Dependent clause: When school ended

When school ended, I went home.

(dependent clause + independent clause)

## Conjunctions

- Conjunction A word used to connect clauses
- Coordinating conjunctions connect two clauses of equal value
- **Subordinating conjunctions** connect two clauses, but make one dependent

## Examples

- I was tired and I was hungry
- When it began to rain, we went inside.

# The seven coordinating conjunctions

- And, but, for, nor, or, so, and yet
- Use the mnemonic FANBOYS
- *F*or
- And
- Nor
- **B**ut
- Or
- Yet
- **S**o

Some examples of subordinating conjunctions

after, as, although, because, before, even though, if, once, rather than, since, that, though, unless, until, when, whenever, whereas, while, among others

# Identify the conjunction and its type

| 1. He listened to the man's story and reported it to the |
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| policeman on duty.                                       |
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- 2. I haven't seen my brother since he left for college.
- 3. I remember the old school book, for it was once mine.
- 4. Sarah did not feel well, but she went to class anyway.
- 5. Although the old man was hungry, he never said a word to anyone.
- 6. I think I heard that on the television or radio, although I am not sure.

### Answers

1. He listened to the man's story **and** reported it to the policeman on duty.

#### coordinating

2. I haven't seen my brother **since** he left for college.

#### subordinating

3. I remember the old school book, **for** it was once mine.

#### coordinating

4. Sarah did not feel well, **but** she went to class anyway.

#### coordinating

5. Although the old man was hungry, he never said a word to anyone.

#### subordinating

6. I think I heard that on the television or radio, **although** I am not sure.

#### subordinating

## Transitions

- First
- besides
- in addition to
- another
- Second
- furthermore
- lastly
- above
- Third
- also
- finally

- still others
- likewise
- some
- others
- More
- next
- to begin with
- even more
- Then
- again
- moreover