WHAT IS COORDINATION?

**Coordination** is used to combine sentences to add variety to your writing. Coordination combines sentences of equal value and uses a coordinating conjunction and comma before a coordinator.

**JUST REMEMBER:**

**F.A.N.B.O.Y.S.**

It's helpful to remember the acronym F.A.N.B.O.Y.S., which represents the following coordinating conjunctions: **for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.** Each coordinating conjunction has a different purpose in combining sentences.

- Lisa doesn't want to go to college, **nor** does she want to find a job.
- Abubakr likes to read, **but** he prefers to watch television.
- Juan wants to study math, **or** he might be interested in engineering.
- Justin really likes to run in the morning, **yet** he hates getting up early.
- Harspreet loves dogs, **so** she went to the pound to adopt one.

Yasmine is afraid of dogs, **for** she was bitten by a dog when she was young.

Maria wants to attend college, **and** she plans to major in biology.
CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS AS COORDINATORS

You can also use conjunctive adverbs as coordinators. This term refers to an adverb that acts like a conjunction and gives more description about the relationship between the two sentences. If you are joining two sentences with a conjunctive adverb, you must use a semi-colon before the conjunctive adverb and a comma after it.

Cycling class is a tough workout; **however**, I still attend three times a week.

Music is a popular hobby; **in fact**, some people make a career out of it.

**Navya enjoys pilates class; therefore,** she is very strong and limber.

PRACTICE WITH COORDINATION

Try your hand at combining these sentences. Use a different strategy for each:

1. Combine using a **coordinating conjunction** that shows **contrast**:

   I like pie and cake. I can't stand cookies.

2. Combine using a **coordinating conjunction** that shows **cause and effect**:

   My mother needed cream for her coffee. I went to the store and purchased some.

3. Combine using a **conjunctive adverb** that shows **cause and effect**:

   My mother needed cream for her coffee. I went to the store and purchase some.

   **Answers:**

   1. I like pie and cake, but I can't stand cookies.
   2. My mother needed cream for her coffee, so I went to the store and purchased some.