# COORDINATION GRAMMAR

### 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.

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.

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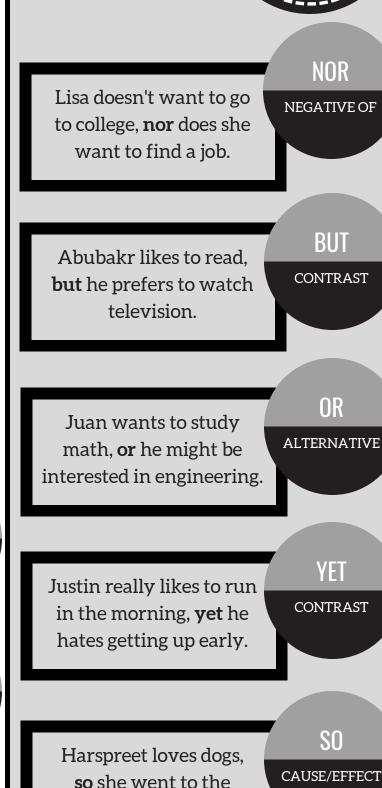
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pound to adopt one.

#### 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. 3) My mother needed cream for her coffee; therefore, I went to the store and purchased some.