

TIP SHEET

Conjunctions

Conjunctions are words that connect words or groups of words in a sentence.

- *Coordinating* conjunctions include the words *and*, *but*, *or*, or *nor*. They connect words, phrases, and sentences.

Monica and Lena are best friends.

They went to the mall and to the movies.

I thought it would snow, but it rained instead.

- Louis will play third base, or he will pitch in tonight's game.

- *Correlative* conjunctions are pairs of words. The following are examples of correlative conjunctions:

either . . . or neither . . . nor not only . . . but also both . . . and

Loaded with homework, I had neither the time nor the energy to play video games.

Tara is not only president of the student council but also secretary of the Spanish club.

- *Subordinating* conjunctions are words that begin adverb clauses. The following are examples of subordinating conjunctions:

after	as long as	if	though	whenever
although	as soon as	since	unless	where
as	because	so that	until	wherever
as if	before	then	when	while

As soon as the shower ends, we will finish the game.

While waiting for her brother, Danielle read her novel.

Ming didn't know where he had left his keys.
