**Coordinating Conjunctions**

The two ***STARS*** among conjunctions are **and** and **but**.

Yet, for, so, or, because are other conjunctions.

You see and use these **all the time**.

They connect words or groups of words of equal importance in a sentence.

Payton **and** her friends watched the new music video.

The fight started out in the hallway, **but** quickly moved to the library.

**Correlative Conjunctions**

These are word pairs (so, two words) that join words or groups of words.

If you have one, you should have the other.

**Some correlative conjunctions:**

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

***Example Sentences:***

Let's circle the correlative conjunctions.

You will not only hear your favorite song but also see the performer.

Either the music or the visual images will grab your attention.

**Subordinating Conjunctions**

These introduce subordinate clauses - ***parts of a sentence that cannot stand alone*** - and join them to independent clauses.

Common subordinating conjunctions:

after although as as if as though because before even though if in order that provided since so that than unless until when where whereas while

The band waited while the director checked the lighting.

The bell rang as Cody slid into his seat.

**Why do conjunctions matter in writing?**

**I'll let you decide:**

I would love to go out to eat with you. I would love to go out to eat with Krista. I would love to go to the movies with you. I would love to go to the movies with Krista. My mom says I can't. My mom says I might have to do my homework. My mom says I might have to clean up my room. The reason is this: I broke my curfew last weekend.

That sounds like NONSENSE!! How can we fix it?

**Life With Conjunctions:**

I would love to go out to eat and to the movies with you and Krista, but my mom says I have to either do my homework or clean up my room because I broke my curfew last weekend.