

3 types of 'conjunctions'

- **Co-ordinating conjunctions** – e.g. (both)...and, (either)...or, neither...nor, but (not), not only...but also
- **Subordinating conjunctions** – e.g. because, if, when, until, although, even though, while, whereas, unless, provided that, after, before, once, since, as soon as, by the time
- **Conjuncts** – e.g. however, meanwhile, nevertheless, otherwise, alternatively, then, also, therefore, consequently, as a result, on the contrary, yet, so, first, in addition, finally, still, also, hence

Conjuncts

- Appear in front of full sentences:

However/Meanwhile/Nevertheless the boy ran home.

- As these are actually easier syntactically, there is an argument that they could be taught first.

Co-ordinating conjunctions

- Can join tensed main clauses or phrases (of same type)
- The clauses or phrases can (typically) be changed around without affecting the meaning of the sentence

and

The boy is running *or* *the girl is walking.*

but

and

The girl is walking *or* *the boy is running.*

but

Subordinating conjunctions

- Can only join clauses (not phrases)
- The clauses cannot be changed around without affecting the meaning of the sentence
- In order to maintain the meaning, the subordinating conjunction must be attached to a clause and move with that clause

When *the bell rings, go out to break.*

Go out to break *when* *the bell rings.*

My mouth burned *because* *the curry was hot.*

Because *the curry was hot, my mouth burned.*

