

Module 8: Drama – *Romeo and Juliet*
Topic 7 Content: Coordinating Conjunctions

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Coordinating conjunctions link equal grammatical elements of a sentence. For example, they can link two or more nouns, adjectives, phrases, or even clauses. There are seven of these coordinating conjunctions. An easy way to remember them is to use the mnemonic device FANBOYS: *for*, *and*, *nor*, *but*, *or*, *yet*, and *so*. In this interactivity, click each of the tabs to explore examples that use coordinating conjunctions to link words, phrases, and clauses.

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