

Conjunctions, Prepositions, and Interjections

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Quick Review

Coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) join equal parts. Subordinating conjunctions (because, although, since, while, if, until, when) start dependent clauses. Prepositions (in, on, under, between, beside, through, before, after, across) show how a noun relates to the rest of the sentence. Interjections (Wow! Hey! Oh, Ouch!) express sudden feeling and are usually set off by a comma or exclamation.

PRACTICE

Read each sentence carefully and choose the best answer.

- In the sentence 'Diego packed his lunch BEFORE the bus arrived,' what is the word 'before'?
 - a coordinating conjunction
 - a preposition
 - a subordinating conjunction
 - an interjection
- Which sentence uses a COORDINATING conjunction correctly?
 - We waited for the rain to stop, and then we walked home.
 - Although we waited, the rain never stopped before dinner.
 - Because the rain stopped, we walked home together.
 - While we waited inside, the rain finally stopped falling.
- Identify a prepositional phrase in this sentence: 'The kitten with white paws hid under the porch.'
 - The kitten
 - hid under
 - white paws
 - under the porch
- Which word in this sentence is an INTERJECTION? 'Wow, that magic trick really fooled the whole audience!'
 - really
 - Wow
 - fooled
 - audience



- 5. Which sentence uses a SUBORDINATING conjunction?
 - A. Because the river was high, the bridge was closed all weekend.
 - B. The river was high, so the bridge was closed all weekend.
 - C. The river was high, but the bridge stayed open all weekend.
 - D. The river was high, and the bridge was closed all weekend.

- 6. How many prepositional phrases are in this sentence? 'After lunch, the team marched across the field toward the gym.'
 - A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three
 - D. four

- 7. Which sentence uses an interjection CORRECTLY punctuated?
 - A. Ouch that thorn really hurt my finger.
 - B. Ouch! That thorn really hurt my finger.
 - C. Ouch, that thorn, hurt my finger really.
 - D. That thorn really, ouch, hurt my finger.

- 8. In 'The squirrel scurried OVER the fence AND down the tree,' what part of speech is the word 'and'?
 - A. preposition
 - B. subordinating conjunction
 - C. interjection
 - D. coordinating conjunction

- 9. Which sentence uses a preposition CORRECTLY to show location?
 - A. The hummingbird hovered between the two red feeders.
 - B. The hummingbird hovered, between, the two red feeders.
 - C. The hummingbird hovered the two red feeders between.
 - D. The hummingbird hovered, and between the two red feeders.

- 10. Write one original sentence that contains an interjection AND a prepositional phrase. Underline the interjection once and the prepositional phrase twice.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. C	Here 'before' joins the dependent clause 'before the bus arrived' to the main clause, so it is a subordinating conjunction. It would be a preposition only if a NOUN followed it (e.g., 'before lunch'). Coordinating conjunctions are FANBOYS only; interjections express feeling and are set off by punctuation.
2. A	Option A uses 'and' (a FANBOYS word) to join two independent clauses — the textbook coordinating-conjunction pattern. B starts with 'although', C with 'because', and D with 'while' — all subordinating conjunctions, not coordinating ones.
3. D	A prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and ends with its noun object. 'Under the porch' starts with 'under' and ends with the object 'porch' — D is correct. A has no preposition. B is a verb plus a stranded preposition with no object. C is just a noun phrase with no preposition in front.
4. B	'Wow' expresses sudden feeling and is set off by a comma — that is the definition of an interjection. 'Really' is an adverb, 'fooled' is a verb, and 'audience' is a noun.
5. A	'Because' starts a dependent clause and shows cause — a subordinating conjunction. B uses 'so', C uses 'but', and D uses 'and' — all FANBOYS (coordinating) words that join two equal independent clauses.
6. C	Three: 'After lunch' (preposition 'after' + object 'lunch'), 'across the field' ('across' + 'field'), and 'toward the gym' ('toward' + 'gym'). A common mistake is to count only the phrases that follow the verb and miss 'After lunch' at the start.
7. B	An interjection at the start of a sentence is set off by an exclamation point or a comma. B does this correctly. A has no punctuation after 'Ouch'. C scrambles the commas around the wrong word. D buries the interjection mid-sentence with awkward commas.
8. D	'And' is a FANBOYS word that joins two equal prepositional phrases — a coordinating conjunction. 'Over' and 'down' are the prepositions; 'and' itself isn't a preposition. Subordinating conjunctions begin dependent clauses (because, although); interjections express feeling.
9. A	A preposition like 'between' must come BEFORE its object ('the two red feeders') with no extra punctuation. A follows the rule. B adds stray commas; C puts the preposition AFTER its object; D wedges in an unneeded coordinating conjunction.
10.	Answer: Example: Wow! The eagle landed on the tallest branch. Accept any sentence that begins (or interrupts) with a clearly punctuated interjection (Wow!, Hey!, Oh,) AND contains a phrase that starts with a preposition (on, under, beside, through, between, across) plus its noun object. Mark wrong if the interjection lacks comma/exclamation, or if the 'prepositional phrase' is missing the noun object (e.g., 'landed on' alone).



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