

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ACDV B68

### Helpful Information

Use the following information to help you proofread your paragraphs.

## Subordinating conjunctions

### (WABBITS)

A subordinating conjunction is a word that introduces an adverb clause. Here are some subordinating conjunctions:

after	once
although	only if
as	since
as soon as	since
because	the first time
before	though
by the time	unless
even if	until
even though	when
every time	whenever
if	whereas
in case	whether or not
in the event that	while
just in case	while
now that	

An adverb clause is always introduced by a subordinating conjunction. A noun clause and adjective clause sometimes are.

Adverb clause: **Before you go**, sign the log book.

Noun clause: He asked **if he could leave early**.

Adjective clause: That is the place **where he was last seen**.

A subordinating conjunction is always followed by a clause. Many subordinating conjunctions can be other parts of speech.

Adverb: Jill came tumbling **after**.

Preposition: Jill came tumbling **after Jack**.

Subordinating Conjunction: Jill came tumbling **after Jack had fallen**.

## Coordinating Conjunctions

The simple, little conjunctions are called **coordinating conjunctions** (you can click on the words to see specific descriptions of each one):

Coordinating Conjunctions						
and	but	or	yet	for	nor	so

(It may help you remember these conjunctions by recalling that they all have fewer than four letters. Also, remember the acronym **FANBOYS**: For-And-Nor-But-Or-Yet-So. Be careful of the words *then* and *now*; neither is a coordinating conjunction, so what we say about coordinating conjunctions' roles in a sentence and punctuation does not apply to those two words.) When a coordinating conjunction connects two **independent clauses**, it is accompanied by a comma.

## Correlative Conjunctions

Some conjunctions combine with other words to form what are called **correlative conjunctions**. They always travel in pairs, joining various sentence elements that should be treated as grammatically equal.

- She led the team not only in statistics but also by virtue of her enthusiasm.
- Polonius said, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."
- Whether you win this race or lose it doesn't matter as long as you do your best.

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