

Kinds of conjunctions

There are mainly two types of conjunctions – coordinating conjunctions and subordinating conjunctions.

Underline the conjunctions in the following sentences and state whether they are coordinating and subordinating.

1. She will not come unless you invite her.

Unless is a coordinating conjunction

Unless is a subordinating conjunction

2. I arrived after they had gone.

After is a subordinating conjunction

After is a coordinating conjunction

3. I waited till he arrived.

Till is a subordinating conjunction

Till is a coordinating conjunction

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4. Jack and Jill went up the hill.

And is a coordinating conjunction

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5. You will get a promotion if you deserve it.

If is a subordinating conjunction

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6. When you are called you must come in at once.

When is a subordinating conjunction

When is a coordinating conjunction

7. Don't go before I come.

Before is a subordinating conjunction

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Before is a coordinating conjunction

8. He is richer than I am.

Than is a subordinating conjunction

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9. We reached home before the storm broke out.

Before is a subordinating conjunction

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10. Catch me if you can.

If is a subordinating conjunction

If is a coordinating conjunction

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11. They must be sleeping for there is no light in their room.

For is a subordinating conjunction

For is a coordinating conjunction

12. She neither phoned nor wrote.

Neither...nor is a subordinating conjunction

Neither...nor is a coordinating conjunction

Answers

1. She will not come unless you invite her. (Subordinating conjunction)
2. I arrived after they had gone. (Subordinating conjunction)
3. I waited till he arrived. (Subordinating conjunction)
4. Jack and Jill went up the hill. (Subordinating conjunction)
5. You will get a promotion if you deserve it. (Subordinating conjunction)
6. When you are called you must come in at once. (Subordinating conjunction)

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7. Don't go before I come. (Subordinating conjunction)
8. He is richer than I am. (Subordinating conjunction)
9. We reached home before the storm broke out. (Subordinating conjunction)
10. Catch me if you can. (Subordinating conjunction)
11. They must be sleeping for there is no light in their room. (Coordinating conjunction)
12. She neither phoned nor wrote. (Coordinating conjunction)