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| Coordinating Conjunctions: Contrastive | |
| **Coordinating Conjunctions** join words or phrases in a sentence that have a logical relationship. A **contrastive** conjunction indicates a difference between two similar elements. **“But”** is a common contrastive. **“Or”** indicates a contrastive meaning in affirmative sentences. | |
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| **but** | *Toby listens to classical music, but not jazz.* (not both)  *Linda likes bananas, but not mangoes.* (not both)  *Linda likes fruit, but Terry doesn’t.* (Only Linda likes fruit, not both of them.) |
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| **or** | *Would you like coffee or tea?* (not both)  *He lives in Mississauga or Burlington*. (not both, I can’t remember which city)  *I’ll have pie or cake for dessert.* (not both) |
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*Complete the sentences with AND, BUT, OR or NOR.*

1. Joanna likes getting up early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cooking a big breakfast.
2. Cameron usually cooks Asian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Italian food when he has guests for dinner.
3. Harold likes doing laundry, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not vacuuming.
4. Paul didn’t like the movie, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did his girlfriend.
5. Sarah has coffee\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cereal for breakfast every day.
6. Pam likes her new job, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes she gets tired from working long hours.
7. Jen doesn’t speak Chinese, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she speaks Japanese.

8. These boots are old \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ warm.

9. All the fruit looks delicious. Let’s buy some apples, kiwis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oranges.

10. I can’t decide which sweater to buy. Should I get blue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ red?

11. I can’t find Ed. He is probably working in the garage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ planting flowers in

the garden.