

## 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.

**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.)*

**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)*

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.