

Read and Discover

Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions

Lesson 39

Kiesha **and** Reiko went outside **because** they wanted to paint a picture of the moon in the night sky. They stared at the sky for hours, **but** they never did see the moon.

Which boldfaced word links two nouns? _____

Which links two independent clauses? _____

Which begins a dependent clause? _____

Coordinating conjunctions (*and, but, or*) connect words or groups of words (including independent clauses) that are similar. **Subordinating conjunctions** such as *although, because, since, if, and before* show how one clause is related to another. Subordinating conjunctions are used at the beginning of adverb clauses.

See Handbook Section 22

Part 1

Underline each coordinating conjunction. Circle each subordinating conjunction.

1. The moon often lights up the sky, but sometimes it is not visible at all.
2. The moon's appearance changes nightly, and the times at which it is in the sky vary also.
3. The moon may look like a half circle one night, and a few nights later it may look like a crescent.
4. Over 29½ days, the moon changes from a thin sliver to a full round disc and back again.
5. These changes, or phases, are called new, crescent, quarter, gibbous, and full.
6. People once associated the moon with unreliability because they saw it changing constantly.
7. The moon may have a reputation for unreliability, but it is actually very consistent.
8. Although the moon's appearance varies, it never turns different sides toward Earth.
9. As the moon revolves around Earth, one side permanently faces us.
10. Before lunar probes visited the moon, humans had never seen its far side.
11. The moon's phases occur because the sun's light hits different parts of its face.
12. If you look at a crescent moon through a telescope, you can see the dark part dimly lit by Earth's reflected light.
13. Because that dim light has been reflected by Earth, it is called earthshine.
14. When Earth passes between the sun and the moon, a lunar eclipse occurs.
15. In a partial lunar eclipse, Earth blocks part of the sun's light for a short period of time, and a portion of the moon temporarily becomes dark.

The Moon's Phases

