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Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions

Lesson 39

Read and Discover

In 1953 Edmund Hillary **and** Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Since then, many others have set out to climb Everest, **but** few have succeeded. Few people can even afford to try **because** an Everest expedition is very costly.

Which boldfaced word links two nouns? _____

Which boldfaced word links two independent clauses? _____

Which boldfaced word begins a dependent clause? _____

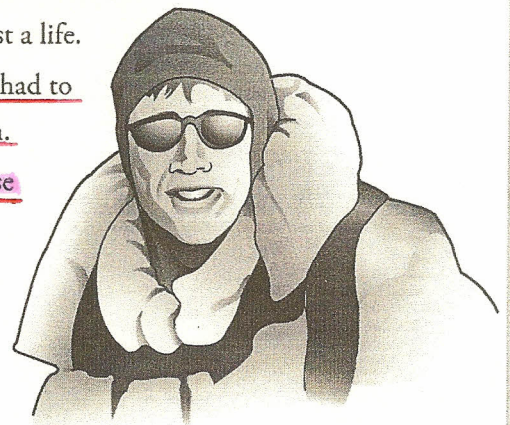
Coordinating conjunctions (*and, but, or*) connect words or groups of words (including independent clauses) that are similar. **Subordinating conjunctions** such as *although, because, since, if, and before* show how one clause is related to another. Subordinating conjunctions are used at the beginning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

See Handbook Section 22

Part 1

Circle each **coordinating** conjunction. Draw a box around each **subordinating** conjunction. Then underline each adverb clause.

1. If you saw Erik Weihenmayer climb a mountain, you would never know he is blind.
2. He has been climbing since he was sixteen years old.
3. In 2001 he climbed Mount Everest, although he could not see the hazards along the route.
4. The summit of Everest stands at 29,035 feet, and it is covered in snow throughout the year.
5. Nearly ninety percent of climbers fail to reach the summit, but Weihenmayer believed he could.
6. He felt confident because he had already climbed four of the world's tallest mountains.
7. Since a climb takes teamwork, he assembled a team of experienced climbers.
8. They would work together, but the climbers ultimately had to look out for themselves.
9. Even a small mistake could cause serious injury, or worse, cost a life.
10. The entire trek took about two months because the climbers had to make back-and-forth trips to move supplies up the mountain.
11. They also had to spend several weeks at the base camp because they needed to acclimate their bodies to the high altitude.
12. Although the team experienced setbacks and weather delays, they successfully reached the summit on May 25, 2001.
13. Because a storm was approaching, Weihenmayer and his team had no time to celebrate.
14. They also knew that the climb wasn't over until they'd made it safely back down the mountain.



Erik Weihenmayer has climbed the Seven Summits, the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.