



There are different types of words that you can use to join clauses and sentences together.

Coordinators

These words are used to join words or phrases together.

e.g. Would you like coffee or tea?

They can also be used (with a comma) to join simple sentences together into compound sentences.

e.g. The Republican candidate was in the lead in the polls, but he lost during the runoff election.

Subordinators

These words begin dependent clauses (phrases or sentences) that are joined to an independent clause by a coordinator or a subordinator. They are used to join two or more clauses or phrases together. For example, in the sentence "I finished my homework before the teacher came in," "before" is a subordinator that joins the dependent clause "I finished my homework" to the independent clause "the teacher came in."