### **The Connectors**

#### **Prepositions**

What do they do? They show time and place as well as introduce examples, contrasts, or comparisons.

**Example** 

**Function** 

Time	at, in, on
Extended Time	by, during, for, from, since, to, until, with(in)
Direction	in, into, on, onto, to, toward

# Subordinating Conjunctions (AAAWWUBBIS)

**A**lthough

As

After While

**W**hile **W**hen

Until **B**ecause

Before

If Since

What do they do? They show relationships, sometimes making one idea more or less important.

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	above, across, against, ahead of, along, among, around, at, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, by, from, in, inside, near, of, off, on, out, over, through, toward, under, within	Function	Example
Location		Time	after, before, during, since, until, when, whenever, while
		Cause-Effect	as, because, since, so
		Opposition	although, even though, though, whatever, while
Introduce Examples and Comparisons or Contrasts	as, despite, except, for, like, of, per, than, with, without	Condition	as long as, if, in order to, unless, until, whatever

#### **Relative Pronouns**

What do they do? Introduce and link additional information to the noun before it.

Function	Example	
Link <b>ideas and things</b> to more detail	that, what, which	
Link <b>people</b> to more detail	who, whoever, whom, whose	

## Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS)

For And

Nor

But

Or Yet

So

relationship between a pair or a list.

What do they do? They make connections that are equal to each other. They join sentences (thereby making compound sentences), and they can show a

#### **Connector Punctuation**

What do they do? They combine, introduce, and enclose information.

Combines	Introduces	Encloses	Function	Example
Comma ,		Comma ,	Combine	and
Dash —	Dash —	Dash —	Opposition	but, nor, yet
Semicolon;	Colon:	Parentheses ( )	Cause-Effect	for, so
		Quotation Marks " "	Choice	or