

WritingFix's Coordinating Conjunction Rules

Student Learning Goal: There are **three** sentence patterns to learn with your coordinating conjunctions (cc). One pattern requires a comma; the other two do not. Can you learn when to use each pattern in your own writing?

Sentence pattern #1:

Subject #1 cc **subject #2 + predicate** .

- The excited children and their irritated teachers sat through the school's annual yo-yo assembly.
- Our elderly State Senators or some of their aides will attend the yo-yo assembly to show their support of yo-yo standards.

Sentence pattern #2:

Subject + predicate #1 cc **predicate #2** .

- The yo-yo performers dazzled us with tricks but never said one thing remotely educational.
- We knew ahead of time the assembly wouldn't be educational and attended anyway.

Sentence pattern #3:

Subject + predicate , cc **subject + predicate** .

- The principal found herself in a parent conference during the assembly, so she missed out on the yo-yo sales pitch.
- Tomorrow we shall double the number of teachers on playground duty, for we know there will more yo-yos out there to confiscate.
- The teachers decided to petition the principal about canceling future yo-yo assemblies, and they were scolded at the next staff meeting.

These 3 patterns apply to these seven conjunctions only:

Coordinating Conjunctions						
<u>and</u>	<u>but</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>yet</u>	<u>for</u>	<u>nor</u>	<u>so</u>