

**COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS  
APPLIED IN ENTERTAINMENT AND  
ART COLUMN ON THE BBC NEWS  
ARTICLES IN NOVEMBER 2023**

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**Abstract**

This study is related to the use of coordinating conjunction in mass media, especially news. This research aims to analyze the coordinating conjunctions applied in entertainment and art column on the BBC news articles in November 2023. The method used is descriptive qualitative. Therefore, the writer uses Herring's theory (2016) to analyze coordinating conjunctions. The source of data in this study is taken from website of BBC news articles in November 2023. In collecting the data, the writer conducts observation and documentation. The study's result shows that there are 268 coordinating conjunctions.

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## **A. Introduction**

Parts of speech explain how words function in a sentence in a semantic and grammatical way. Understanding the parts of speech is essential to accurately define words while using a dictionary. In general, there are several types or categories, including nouns, verbs, auxiliary verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, and conjunction.

Words, phrases, and sentences (dependent and independent) are held together by conjunctions. There are three different kinds of conjunction, namely correlative conjunctions, subordinating conjunctions, and coordinating conjunctions. In this study, the writer uses Herring's theory. According to Herring (2016: 563), a coordinating conjunction joins words, phrases, and sentences that are coordinate, or equal to one another.

Studying conjunctions is important, especially coordinating conjunctions, to understand news content or news ideas as a whole. Apart from communicating in English, the use of coordinating conjunctions also has a big influence in conveying news in the mass media. An international mass media will definitely publish news in English. The development of language is closely observed because it is the main object in mass media. Thus, a sentence in the news becomes clearer. This topic is interesting to study because it can influence readers to construct compound sentences that convey interesting and compelling messages. In general, the coordinating conjunctions are found in

international online news articles such as CAN News, CNN News, and BBC News.

BBC News as a data source media because of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), which gathers and transmits news and current affairs from the UK and around the world, operates under the name BBC News. The division produces almost 120 hours of news coverage every day for radio, television, and the internet, making it the largest broadcast news operation in the world. Along with British news, culture science, and politics, the website offers coverage from across the world. The use of language in BBC news online which is neatly arranged makes it easy for readers to understand, especially in the use of coordinating conjunctions.

In the entertainment and art column of BBC news articles in November 2023, the writer finds that there are 55 news. However, the writer only chooses 10 articles in the entertainment and art column on the BBC News articles in November 2023 for analysis because, firstly, the writer finds many kinds of conjunction in ten articles, especially coordinating conjunctions. Secondly, online news in November 2023 is very updated. Thirdly, coordinating conjunctions in entertainment columns not only serve to enrich our understanding of journalistic language but also to address the delicate balance between informative content and compelling storytelling.

## **B. Literature Review**

A conjunction is a term used to join two words, phrases, or clauses together. According to Herring (2016: 563 - 568), coordinating conjunctions are used to unite two or more words, phrases, or separate sentence. The English language has seven coordinating conjunctions such as for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so.

The acronym FANBOYS can help you remember them. The uses of coordinating conjunctions include: Individual words, Phrases and Independent clauses.

Coordinating conjunctions are also used to combine independent words, phrases, or clauses. The following is an example of using coordinating conjunctions and their function:

1. For

For is used to explain something. Normally, it can connect two separate clauses by framing the second as the justification for the first. For example: I believe you, for you have never lied to me before.

2. And

And is employed to combine different elements. For example: James and Jack are coming to the party.

3. Nor

Nor is the least common coordinating conjunctions. It's employed to offer a second unfavorable suggestion after one has already been made. For example: He doesn't like football, nor does he enjoy hockey.

4. But

But is serves to draw a comparison with previous information. An independent clause can be joined to a phrase or to another independent clause using this technique. For example: I want to go shopping but I can't.

5. Or

Or is used to present alternative choices or options. For example: Would you like the chicken, the pork, or the beef?

6. Yet

Yet is used to contrast subliminal suggestion that the data is unexpected given what we already know. For example: The movie was depressing yet uplifting at the same time.

7. So

So should only be used to combine two separate sentences when the second clause follows from the first. For example: He was exhausted, so he went to bed early.

### **C. Method of Investigation**

The writers used descriptive qualitative method. The data source of this study is obtained from the entertainment and art column on BBC news articles in November 2023. The articles are taken from website: [https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment\\_and\\_arts](https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment_and_arts) (Accessed on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 12.30 p.m.). To collect the data, the writers used observation report by reading and finding the BBC News articles in November 2023 from the website. Then, the writer downloads the articles as documentation of the data.

To analyze the data, the writers implement these steps: finding from the entertainment and art column on BBC news articles in November 2023, selecting and saving the BBC news articles in November 2023, reading and marking the coordinating conjunctions on the entertainment and art column on BBC news articles in November 2023, analyse the coordinating conjunctions on the entertainment and art column on BBC news articles in November 2023, and drawing the conclusion.

### **D. Findings and Discussion**

There are total of 268 coordinating conjunctions consisting of 6 coordinating conjunctions of *For*, 186

coordinating conjunction of *And*, 1 coordinating conjunction of *Nor*, 45 coordinating conjunction of *But*, 18 coordinating conjunction of *Or*, 2 coordinating conjunction of *Yet*, and 10 coordinating conjunction of *So*.

1. For

There are total of 6 coordinating conjunctions “*for*” in the ten BBC news articles. There are two coordinating conjunctions “*for*” in article 5 which are identified as join two independent clauses. There is one coordinating conjunction “*for*” in article 6, article 8, and article 9 which are identified as join two independent clauses.

2. And

There are total of 186 coordinating conjunctions “*and*” in the ten BBC news articles. There are ten coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 1 which are identified as two individual words in which there is 1, two phrases in which there are 6, three phrases in which there is 1, and four phrases in which there is 1. There are twenty coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 2 which are identified as two individual words there are 2, two phrases there are 8, three phrases there is 1, two independent clauses there are 8, and three independent clauses there is 1. There are eleven coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 3 which are identified as two individual word there is 1, three individual words there are 2, two phrases there is 1, three phrases there is 1, and two independent clauses there are 6. There are thirty-six coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 4 which are identified as two individual word there are 5, two phrases there

are 7, three phrases there are 7, four phrases there is 1, six phrases there is 1, two independent clauses there are 13, and three independent clauses there are 2. There are seventeen coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 5 which are identified as two individual word there are 2, three individual word there is 1, two phrases there are 6, three phrases there are 2, and two independent clauses there are 6. There are nine coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 6 which are identified as two individual word there are 2, two phrases there are 5, and three phrases there are 2. There are twenty-five coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 7 which are identified as two individual word there are 2, three individual word there is 1, two phrases there are 12, and two independent clauses there are 10. There are seventeen coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 8 which are two individual words there are 3, three individual word there are 2, two phrases there are 6, and two independent clauses there are 6. There are ten coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 9 which are two individual words there are 6, two phrases there are 2, three phrases there is 1, and two independent clauses there is 1. There are thirty-three coordinating conjunction “*and*” in article 10 which are two individual words there 4, four individual word there is 1, two phrases there are 11, three phrases there are 2, four phrases there is 1, and two independent clauses there are 11.

3. Nor

There is only 1 coordinating conjunction “*nor*” in article 2 which identified as join two independent clauses.

4. But

There are total of 45 coordinating conjunctions “*but*” in the ten BBC news articles.

There are in article 1, there are six in article 2, there are two in article 3, there are ten in article 4, there is one in article 5, there are three in article 6, there are four in article 7, there are four in article 8, there are two in article 9, and there are ten in article 10, which are join two independent clauses.

5. Or

There are two coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 1, which are join three individual words ad two phrases, there are two coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 2, which are join two independent clauses, there are three coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 4, which are join two phrases there is 1, and join two independent clauses there are 2, there is only one coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 5, which are join three independent clauses, there is only one coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 6, which are join three phrases, there are five coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 7, which are join two phrases there are 3 and two individual words there are 2, and there are two coordinating conjunctions “*or*” in article 10, which are used to join two individual words.

6. Yet

There are total 2 of coordinating conjunctions “*yet*” in the ten BBC news articles. There is only one coordinating conjunctions “*yet*” in article 3 and in article 4 which are used to join two independent clauses.

7. So

There are total 10 of coordinating conjunction “*so*” in the ten BBC news articles. There is one coordinating conjunction “*so*” in article 1 and article 4, there are six in articles 7, and



there are two in article 10 which are used to join two independent clauses.

## **E. Conclusion**

The writers concluded that in the BBC news articles in November there are 268 coordinating conjunctions. There are seven coordinating conjunction that have been discovered, namely *For*, *And*, *Nor*, *But*, *Or*, *Yet*, and *So*. The coordinating conjunction “*for*” is used to join two phrases in which there is 1 and two independent clauses in which there are 5. Therefore, all of them in which there are 6. The coordinating conjunction “*and*” is used to join two individual words in which there are 31, three individual words in which there are 2, four individual words in which there is 1, two phrases in which there are 64, three phrases in which there are 17, four phrases in which there are 3, six phrases in which there is 1, two independent clauses in which there are 66, and three independent clauses in which there is 1. Thus, in which there are a total of 186. The coordinating conjunction “*nor*” in which there is only 1, namely it is used to join two independent clauses. The coordinating conjunction “*but*” is used to join two independent clauses in which there are 45. The coordinating conjunction “*or*” is used to join two individual words in which there are 3, three individual words in which there are 4, two phrases in which there are 5, three phrases in which there is 1, and two independent clauses in which there are 5. Therefore, all of them in which there are 18. The coordinating conjunction “*yet*” is used to join two independent clauses in which there are 2 and the coordinating conjunction “*so*” is used to join two independent clauses in which there are 10. Based on these data it can be concluded that the coordinating conjunction applied in the entertainment and art column on the BBC News

Articles in November 2023 are dominant to coordinating conjunction “*and*” while the least frequently found is coordinating conjunction “*nor*”.

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