

Pseudo Conjunctions

Introduction

1) Conjunctions are words that link other words, phrases, clauses, or sentences together.

*Susan is an amazing wife **and** a wonderful mom.*

2) Pseudo conjunctions are other parts of speech that act like conjunctions:

a) adverbial conjunctions (also called conjunctive adverbs) are used to indicate a relationship between sentences and independent clauses by comparing or contrasting ideas (e.g. *consequently, finally, however, otherwise, then etc.*). We usually use commas to separate an adverbial conjunction from the rest of the sentence.

*John's mom wanted him to go to college. **Instead**, he took a gap year and travelled around the world.*

b) nominal conjunctions introduce or conclude ideas (e.g. *the moment, the instant etc.*). Nominal conjunctions function as nouns in a sentence.

*I was petrified **the moment** I heard the news.*

c) verbal conjunctions are used to introduce additional information in a sentence (e.g. *assuming (that), given (that) etc.*). Verbal conjunctions are derived from verbs.

*Shall we go out tonight **assuming that** you are free?*

Short Story Dialogue

- *It's too hot today! I'm melting.*
- ***Given that** you don't have an AC at your place, you will be boiling soon!*
- ***Indeed**, I'm quite close to that. **However**, I'm trying to eat watermelons to stay cool.*
- *Does it help?*
- *Yeah! **In fact**, I'll be a watermelon myself soon!*

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- b. Every time I see Mr. Baker enter the room, I want to hide behind my desk.
- c. He stopped responding to our messages therefore destroying our friendship.
- d. Carol wants to move to California but she doesn't have the necessary funds.
- e. I freeze in fear the instant I see a spider.
- f. I want to bake a carrot cake. It's quite simple! In addition, it's a healthy treat.
- g. I must say that hiking and camping are two passions of mine.
- i. Greg knew that he made a mistake. Indeed, the feeling of regret didn't leave him for a minute.
- j. Max told me that he wanted to speak with you. Furthermore, he seemed really impatient.
- h. I'd rather stay here than go home right now.

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