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## Two Types of Conjunctions

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In this example, the pelican did two things that are equally important, but not necessarily related. It ate a fish. It also flew away.

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In this example, the sky becoming dark and the storm rolling in are both important parts that have a cause/effect relationship.

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**Underline the conjunction in each sentence. Then tell whether each conjunction is coordinating or subordinating.**

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4. I am not going to the movies unless Joey comes too. \_\_\_\_\_
5. We went to the party, but we forgot to bring a gift. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We can see more grass each day as the snow melts. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ken caught three fish and cooked them for dinner. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Amy has a stomachache because she ate too much ice cream. \_\_\_\_\_

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I missed the bus this morning.

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