

Word Class



What are word classes?

The term **word class** refers to the category a word fits in to.

There are many different word classes:

adjective

adverb

preposition

verb

conjunction

pronoun

determiners

noun

They all have different functions or uses.



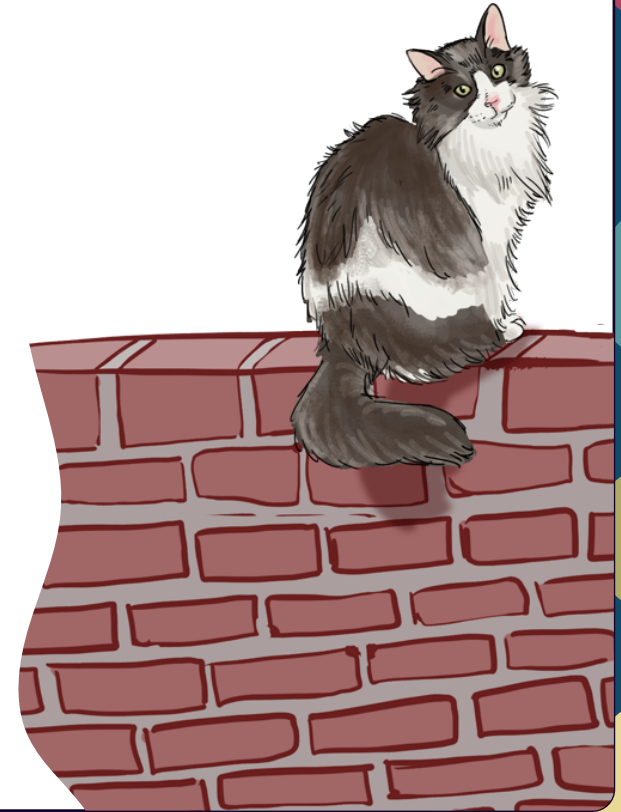
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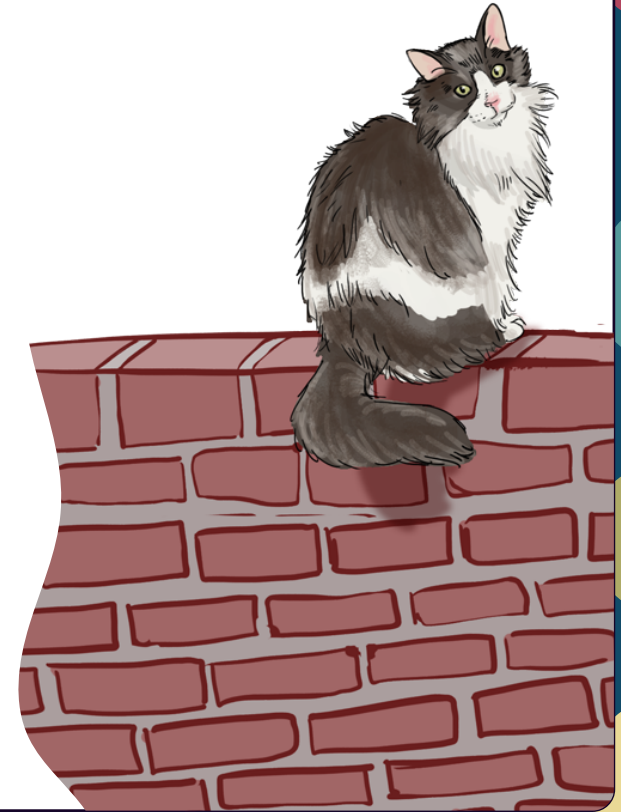
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knew

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thing

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Julie

Ashraf

place

England

Birmingham

New Street

animal

dog

cat

goldfish

thing

doll

table

window



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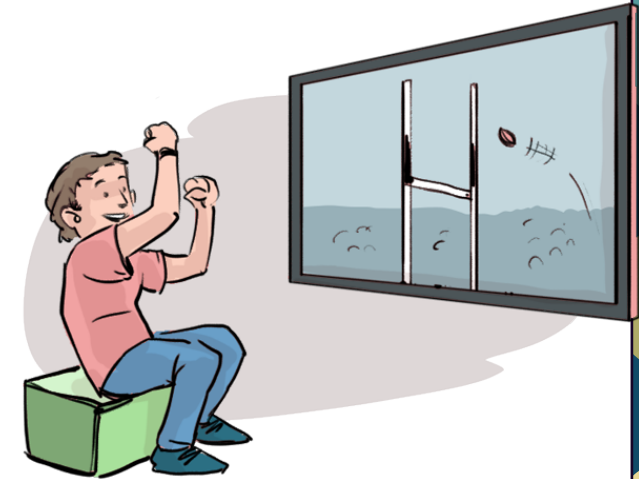
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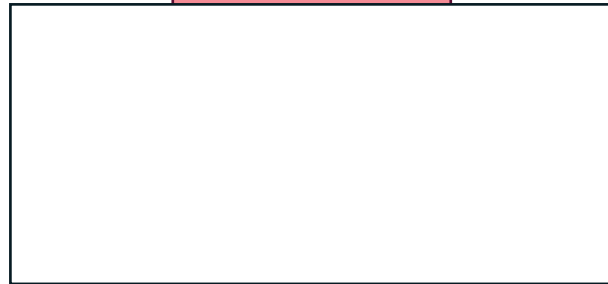


Conjunctions

A conjunction helps to create a longer sentence by **joining clauses together**.
There are **co-ordinating** and **subordinating conjunctions**.

Can you use the acronyms to think of the different conjunctions?

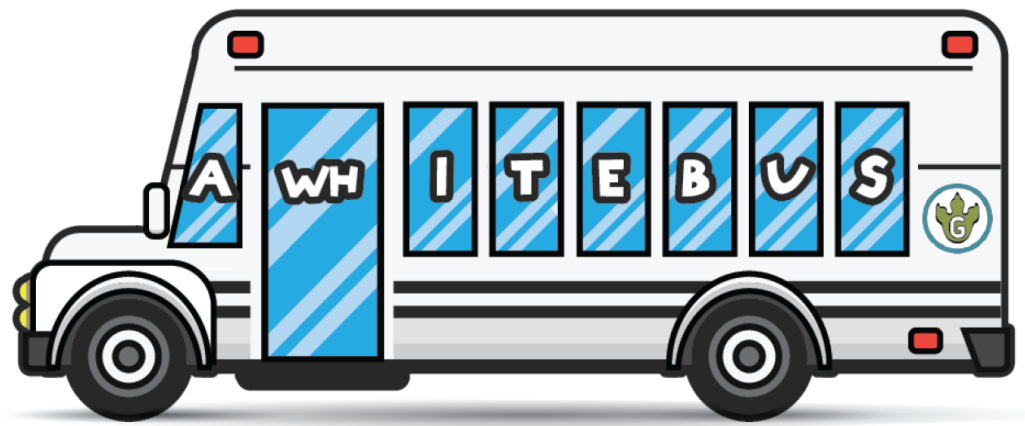
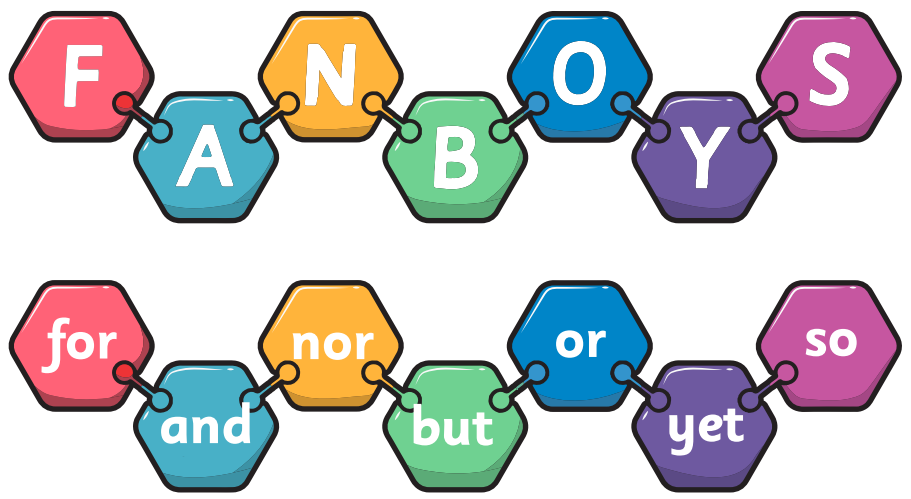
FANBOYS



A WHITE BUS



Conjunctions



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