I Heart Conjunctions!

Said no student ever.
Conjunction Junction: Where in the Bejesus is That???

* Coordinating conjunctions are conjunctions; they conjoin sentences together…That’s it.

End of activity.
Sike!

* Coordinating conjunctions are words that join together independent and dependent clauses.

F-A-N-B-O-Y-S

The list of coordinating conjunctions include: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.*

Make note of words that are NOT on this list: *because, since, if, which, such as, including.* Do not use these words in the same way that you would use coordinating conjunctions.
There are two specific ways to employ coordinate conjunctions. When using a CC to join two independent clauses, you must include a comma before the CC.

Example:

I was extremely excited for my wedding day, **but** it was ruined because it rained; isn’t that ironic? Don’t you think?

**No, that’s actually not ironic, Alanis. Not at all… I hate you.**
To the Windooooooow! To the Wall! They All Need to be Scrubbed Because They’re Just Filthy!

Coordinate conjunctions can also separate an independent and dependent clause, but when doing so, a comma CANNOT be placed before the CC.

Example:

I would love to be a billionaire so that I can eat pounds of ice cream every day because I can pay doctors to tell me that I’m totally healthy.

***You might be a little confused here. On the surface, it may look like the coordinate conjunction so is separating two independent clauses. The first clause has the subject-verb relationship *I would love*, and the second clause has *I can eat*; however, the word *that* begins the second clause. *That* is a non-noun, and do you remember what happens to a clause when a non-noun begins it?...Do you?...
Subordinate conjunctions separate independent and dependent conjunctions.

The list for subordinate conjunctions is not as definite as the list for CCs. Some of the most common SCs include: however, therefore, thus, moreover, as well, as well as, although, even though, first, firstly, second, secondly (etc.).

***Again, make note of words that are not on this list, meaning that they cannot be used in the same ways as SCs: because, since, if, such as, including, which.
Hey Boi Hey

Sometimes, subordinate conjunctions are part of a fragment or dependent clause. In these cases, you would punctuate like this:

Joey ate all of his peas; although lima beans are his favorite fruit, his mom prefers him to eat peas.
Can You Believe This Is Still Going And Going And And…

* Subordinate conjunctions can also begin sentences. When doing so, they’re acting like a fragment all on their own. At these moments, they probably think they’re big shots, that no body can mess with them, so make sure you put them in their place…Know what I’m sayin’ playa?

Example:

Kirk enjoys walking through the country. **Thus**, he often goes backpacking on his vacations.

*Right here, the subordinate conjunction *thus* is acting like a fragment, which is why you need a comma after it. Remember this formula: DC/F, IC.*
I Leave You With This

* The formulas that could help you remember these two ways of incorporating coordinating conjunctions are below. Memorize them so that all of your dreams can come true.

IC, CC IC.

IC CC DC/F.

IC; SC, IC.

IC SC DC/F.

***This trophy is wearing a hat because it’s fancy. Don’t hate.