Commas and Coordinating Conjunctions

**Coordinating conjunctions** join two independent clauses to make a compound sentence. The coordinating conjunctions are *for, and, nor, but, or, yet,* and *so* (FANBOYS). A comma is used to combine the two independent clauses together.

**EXAMPLE:** Independent clause, and independent clause.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each sentence. Add commas where necessary. Underline the independent clauses in each sentence.

1. It was a beautiful day so Derek decided to ride his bicycle.
2. We wanted to have pizza for dinner but we couldn’t afford to buy one.
3. My mother wants to stay home with me but she has to go to work.
4. I did everything I could yet I still couldn’t find my dog.
5. I will either play football or I will play soccer.
6. Marcie plays the piano and she also plays the flute.
7. We were going to go to the water part but it rained.
8. You may sit on the sofa or you may stand.
9. Do you prefer a puppy or would you rather have a kitten?
10. Mike found a lost parakeet and he took the parakeet to the humane society.
11. Roger would have come to the party but he was sick.
12. Pam is buying a dress for Patrick asked her to the dance.
13. That frog is going to hop away or he is going to sit still.