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Lesson 11.5.7 Conjunctions and Interjections

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Conjunctions

In the paragraph below, underline each coordinating conjunction once. Underline each correlative conjunction twice. Put a box around each subordinating conjunction.

EXAMPLE Because trade expanded in the Middle Ages, the city of Venice grew wealthy, and its merchants traveled to distant places.

¹After they reached Turkey about 1254, two merchants from Venice, Niccolo and Maffeo Polo, decided to journey farther east to China. ²The Polos eventually reached their distant goal, but they did not return to Venice for about fifteen years. ³When they did get home, the brothers did not stay long, because they had promised the emperor of China that they would come back. ⁴On this trip, they took with them Niccolo's seventeen-year-old son, Marco, and the three travellers would not see Venice again for a quarter of a century. ⁵Marco's account of their travels not only entertained generations of readers, but also spurred Columbus's determination to reach China.

Remember that correlative conjunctions should join words or phrases that serve the same function in the sentence.

Examples:

Either Marco Polo went to China *or* made up his story. (incorrect)

Marco Polo *either* went to China *or* made up his story. (correct)

EXERCISE 2 Recognizing Conjunctions and Interjections

Put one line under each conjunction and two lines under each interjection in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE When the Polos returned, people doubted their stories until they tore open the seams of their garments and —amazing!—jewels poured out.

1. The Chinese used paper money, and Marco Polo was fascinated because it was unknown in Europe.
2. Not only could this paper money be used throughout China, but also it was much lighter to carry than gold or silver.
3. I wonder if Marco would have said, "Wow!" if he had ever encountered the idea of paying bills online.
4. Marco told of many wonders, but he claimed he had not told half of what he saw in China, since he feared no one would believe him.
5. Marco probably expected people would react to his account of coal by saying, "Right! They burn black stones in China to keep warm."