Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions are used to join two independent clauses that are of equal importance.

"**and**" (+) and "**nor**" (-)show agreement between clauses.

"**yet**", and "**but**" show disagreement between clauses.

"**for**" and "**so**" show a reason between clauses.

"**or**" can show either agreement or disagreement between clauses.

When using a coordinating conjunction to join two ***independent*** clauses (complete thoughts), use a comma before the conjunction.

DIRECTIONS: Underline each independent clause in the sentences below. Circle whether the conjunction is used to show agreement, disagreement, or a reason.

1. Hank called early, and George called later.

       agreement   disagreement   reason

2. Mary wants to take a walk, but her dog doesn't feel like it.

       agreement   disagreement   reason

3. There's no hot water, so I didn't take a shower.

       agreement   disagreement   reason

4. Allen likes music, but Fran would rather read.

       agreement   disagreement   reason

5. John really studied, but he still failed the test.

       agreement   disagreement   reason