

What Is a Correlative Conjunction?

A correlative conjunction is made up of two parts, and both these parts should be included in a sentence. However, the two parts are always split up by words in between.

Some examples of correlative conjunctions are as follows:

both/and	either/or	neither/nor
whether/or	just as/so	not only/but also

These conjunctions are used when there is a continuous flow of ideas. Therefore, when used in a sentence, correlative conjunctions are not separated by commas (a comma will break the flow).

Example 1

Incorrect: The tsunami caused damage **not only** to property, **but also** to life.

Correct: The tsunami caused damage **not only** to property **but also** to life.

Example 2

Incorrect: Julia is trying to decide **whether** she wants to go to law school, **or** be a doctor.

Correct: Julia is trying to decide **whether** she wants to go to law school **or** be a doctor.