

Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions

Decide whether the underlined word is a coordinating conjunction, a subordinating conjunction, or a preposition. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. I watched a television special about tornadoes because I am interested in them.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
2. I had never seen a tornado until I traveled through Kansas last year.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
3. We were driving from Indianapolis to Denver, and we were on Interstate 70.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
4. Spring is the most active time for severe weather in the Midwest.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
5. Before I took that trip, I had only seen tornadoes on television.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
6. Although I had never seen one in real life, I knew just what it was when it appeared.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
7. When I first saw it appear on the horizon, I was excited to see my first tornado!
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
8. As it got closer, it became scary.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
9. The clouds grew darker, and the winds started blowing harder.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
10. I heard many strange noises, but I couldn't tell where they were coming from.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
11. Many people tell stories about the sounds of a tornado.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
12. I have heard some people say that they sound like a freight train chugging on train tracks.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
13. I always thought they were silly until I heard it for myself.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
14. A tornado does sound like a train rolling down the tracks!
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
15. The tornado seemed to be coming right at us, and it was coming fast!
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
16. Because Kansas is such a flat state, there was nowhere to hide from the twister.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
17. We had the car radio on the entire time, but we didn't hear much information about the tornado.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
18. We remembered something we'd seen on television, so we pulled under a bridge overpass.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.
19. The tornado did not pass over us; we saw it twist off in a different direction.
A coordinating conj. **C** preposition
B subordinating conj.