

Coordinate conjunctions:

either....or

neither....nor

both....and

not only....but also

Use coordinate conjunctions to link ideas of equal weight:

Neither the FBI nor the CIA was aware the attack on the World Trade Center was being planned.

Clinton lied not only to his family but to the nation.

Not only did Clinton lie to his family but he (also) lied to the nation.

Be careful to balance grammatical units:

Boris not only joined the swim team but he also started work on a UROP.

Practice.

Rewrite the paragraph. Use coordination -- simple conjunctions and/or coordinate conjunctions -- to add style, emphasis, conciseness.

Freshman year can be very difficult for international students. Some of them are leaving home for the first time. These students miss their families. They miss the food and climates of their native countries. They have to cope with the stresses of a new country. They have to deal with the stresses of a new school, too. Furthermore, many students find themselves in an environment where they are no longer the smartest student in the class. This can be very humbling. It can cause some students to become depressed. The good news is that these feelings do not last. Most students find some way to cope. They make friends. They get used to the terrible weather. They adapt to

the food. They learn how to deal with getting less than an A. Generally, they survive and they thrive.

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