


Tracking Down Conjunctions

Read the information about conjunctions below. Then underline the conjunction in each sentence. Color the footprint to show the type of conjunction you found.

A *coordinating conjunction* connects words, phrases, and sentences.
 Examples: *or, and, yet, nor, for, so, but*

Pointy **and** Sticky are neighbors.
 We can go to the park **or** shop at the mall.
 I got a headache, **so** Dad brought me home.



A *subordinating conjunction* connects a dependent clause and an independent clause to make a complex sentence.
 Examples: *when, while, unless, although, if, until, after, because*

They stopped the game **when** it started to rain.
If Bill gets mad, his face turns red.

	Coordinating	Subordinating
1. Sticky had to decide whether to stay or go home.	O	A
2. Pointy was tired after he went tree climbing.	L	E
3. Although Pointy lost some quills, he knows they will grow back.	M	E
4. Porcupines move slowly, but they can still defend themselves.	I	B
5. While Sticky is sleeping, Pointy is searching for dinner.	W	T
6. Porcupines have a good sense of smell but poor eyesight.	H	D
7. Some porcupines are unique because they can hang by their tails.	O	T
8. Sticky stayed at home until the rain stopped.	S	N
9. The log rolled down the hill, between the rocks, and into the pond.	G	C
10. Sticky can brush his quills in the morning or in the evening.	P	F

Write the colored letters above the matching numbers below. You'll spell the answer to this riddle: What did the fox say when the porcupine told him to go away?

"I _____ t _____ !"

9
2
5
6
3
10
1
4
8
7





Answer Key



1. or, coordinating
2. after, subordinating
3. Although, subordinating
4. but, coordinating
5. While, subordinating
6. but, coordinating
7. because, subordinating
8. until, subordinating
9. and, coordinating
10. or, coordinating

Riddle: "I get the point!"

