Coordinating Conjunctions Worksheet

In the following sentences, determine whether or not a comma is needed before the coordinating conjunction. Remember, a comma is only used when the conjunction is connected to independent clauses. It is not used when joining two or more words/phrases.

- 1. I ran to school so I didn't arrive late.
- 2. Sam believed that having pets and having kids were the same thing.
- 3. She put on a sweater for it was cold outside.
- 4. Julie was tired from taking the kids to the zoo so she decided that it would be a good idea to take a nap and watch Netflix after.
- 5. She thinks that soccer is fun to play and that baseball isn't fun.

Fill in with the most appropriate FANBOYS

- 1. The boy wanted to go to the park, _____ he had homework to do before he could go.
- 2. She doesn't eat cheese, _____ does she drink milk because she is lactose intolerant.
- 3. He can buy a brand new charger, he can borrow the charger from his sister.
- 4. Sally studied intensely for her calculus test, ______ she didn't pass with a C or higher.
- 5. Andrew wanted to quit his job, _____ he wanted to travel the world instead.

Answer Key: Coordinating Conjunctions

Part I: Fix the errors.

- 1. I ran to school, so didn't arrive late.
- 2. Sam believed that having pets and having kids were the same thing.
- 3. She put on a sweater, for it was cold outside.
- 4. Julie was tired from taking the kids to the zoo, so she decided that it would be a good idea to take a nap and watch Netflix after.
- 5. She thinks that soccer is fun to play and that baseball isn't fun.

Part II: Fill in with the most appropriate FANBOYS.

- 1. The boy wanted to go to the park, <u>but/vet</u> he had homework to do before he could go.
- 2. She doesn't eat cheese, nor does she drink milk because she is lactose intolerant.
- 3. He could buy a brand new charger, <u>or</u> he could borrow the charger from his sister.
- 4. Sally studied intensely for her calculus test, so she got a good grade in her class.
- 5. Andrew wanted to quit his job, for he wanted to travel the world instead.