CONJUNCTIONS

Coordinating Conjunctions
There are a total of 5 coordinating conjunctions in German.
These have no effect on word order, and they are not part of either of the two sentence they join.
Coordinating conjunctions can be thought of as a “cloud” that simply floats between two main clauses.

aber  
but (no mutual exclusion)
denn  
because ... anyway (for it so happens that)
oder  
or
und  
and
sondern  
rather, but (shows contrast, mutual exclusion)
When using sondern, the first main clause must contain some sort of negation such as nicht or kein.

Subordinating Conjunctions
There are scores of subordinating conjunctions in German. This is only a partial list.
These take dependent word order, meaning the conjugated verb must appear at the end of the clause.
Think of subordinating conjunctions as “verb kickers.” They “kick” the verbs to the very end of their clause.

als ob  
(+ subjunctive) as if
als wenn  
(+ subjunctive) as if
als  
when (one occurrence in past time)
außer dass  
except if, except when
bevor  
before
bis  
until
da  
since, because
damit  
so that, so
dass  
that
dass  
that
che  
before
falls  
in case, if
indem  
by (doing) something
nachdem  
after
ob  
if, whether (or not) (indicates a choice)
obwohl  
although
seitdem  
since
so dass  
as a result (so much that . . .)
sobald  
as soon as
solange  
as long as, provided that
sooft  
as often as
soviel  
as much as
soweit  
as far as
während  
while
warum  
why
was  
what
weil  
because (shows strong causality)
wenn  
if, under the condition that
weshalb  
why, for what reason
wie lange  
how long
wie  
how, as
wie oft  
how often
wieviel  
how much
wo  
where (at)
woher  
where (from)
wohin  
where (to)