

## Punctuation Pattern Sheet for Joining Clauses

**CLAUSE:** a group of related words containing BOTH a subject and a verb.

**INDEPENDENT CLAUSE:** a clause that CAN STAND ALONE as a complete sentence, including subject, verb, and SUFFICIENT MEANING.

**COORDINATION:** *the joining of two Independent Clauses into a Compound Sentence in one of three ways as follows:*

Coordination: Pattern 1: Use a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

<b>Independent Clause</b> <i>(complete sentence)</i>	, <b>but</b>	<b>Independent Clause.</b> <i>(complete sentence)</i>
	, <b>or</b>	
	, <b>yet</b>	
	, <b>for</b>	
	, <b>and</b>	
	, <b>so</b>	

Coordination: Pattern 2: Use a semicolon alone.

<b>Independent Clause</b> <i>(complete sentence)</i>	;	<b>Independent Clause.</b> <i>(complete sentence)</i>
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Coordination: Pattern 3: Use a semicolon, a conjunctive adverb, and a comma.

<b>Independent Clause</b> <i>(complete sentence)</i>	; <b>consequently,</b>	<b>Independent Clause.</b> <i>(complete sentence)</i>
	; <b>further,</b>	
	; <b>nevertheless,</b>	
	; <b>however,</b>	
	; <b>indeed,</b>	
	; <b>in fact,</b>	
	; <b>moreover,</b>	
	; <b>nonetheless,</b>	
	; <b>then,</b>	
	; <b>therefore,</b>	

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**INDEPENDENT CLAUSE:** a clause that CAN STAND ALONE as a complete sentence, including subject, verb, and SUFFICIENT MEANING.

**DEPENDENT CLAUSE:** a clause that CANNOT STAND ALONE as a complete sentence because of the INSUFFICIENT MEANING a SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTION creates in the clause.

**SUBORDINATION:** the joining of a Dependent Clause with an Independent Clause in a Complex Sentence in one of two ways as follows:

Subordination: Pattern 1: Begin with the Independent Clause and follow it with a Dependent Clause, using NO comma or semicolon.



Subordination: Pattern 2: Begin with the Dependent Clause, follow it with a comma and an Independent Clause.

