

Punctuation Patterns Survival Guide

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1. Independent clause.
2. Independent clause; independent clause.
3. Independent clause; therefore, independent clause.
however
nevertheless
consequently
furthermore
moreover

- These are **conjunctive adverbs**.

4. Independent clause, and independent clause.
or
but
nor
yet
so
for

- These are **coordinating conjunctions**.

5. Independent, his heart beating wildly, clause.
of course
I believe
it seems
who knows me well

- This is one independent clause with an interrupter.

6. If dependent clause, independent clause.
Because
Since
When
While
Although
After
Even before

- These are **subordinating conjunctions**.

7. Independent clause if dependent clause.
because
since
when
while
after
even before

- These are **subordinating conjunctions**.

8. Independent clause: A, B, and C.

9. " _____," she said.

- He said, " _____."

- " _____," she said, " _____."

- " _____," he said. " _____."

*Note: When finishing a sentence with a quotation, the quotation mark always goes **outside** (or after) the final period.

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