

## Punctuation Pattern Sheet

*An independent clause has a subject and a verb and is a complete thought.*

#1 Independent clause .

#2 Independent clause ; independent clause .

#3 Independent clause ; therefore , independent clause .  
however,  
nevertheless,  
consequently,  
furthermore,

### Conjunctive Adverbs

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

### Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS)

#5 Independent clause , his heart beating wildly, clause .  
of course,  
I believe,  
on the other hand,  
it seems,  
who knows me well,  
however,

### Nonrestrictive Clauses

*A subordinating conjunction in front of an independent clause turns it into a dependent clause. (Phrases lack subjects or verbs or both; treat them like dependent clauses when you punctuate sentences.)*

#6 If dependent clause , independent clause .  
Because  
Since  
When  
Even though  
After

### Subordinating Conjunctions

#7 Independent clause if dependent clause .  
because  
since  
when  
even though  
after

### Subordinating Conjunctions

#8 Independent clause : List Element , List Element , and List Element .

#9 Introductory Expression, Independent clause (or)

Independent clause , Comment/Question (Tag Phrase)

## Grammar Card

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### COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS (FANBOYS)

for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

### CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS

accordingly, also, anyhow, besides, certainly, consequently, conversely, finally, furthermore, hence, henceforth, however, indeed, instead, likewise, meanwhile, moreover, nevertheless, next, nonetheless, otherwise, similarly, still, subsequently, then, therefore, thus

### SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

after, although, as, as if, as long as, as though, because, before, even if, even though, how, if, in order that, once, provided that, rather than, since, so that, than, that, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever, whether, while

### RELATIVE PRONOUNS

that, which, who, whom, whose, what, whoever, whomever

### CORRELATIVE CONJUNCTIONS

both ... and                      not only ... but (also)  
either . . . or                      whether . . . or  
neither . . . nor

### PREPOSITIONS

about, above, according to, across, after, against, along, along with, among, apart from, around, as, as for, at, because of, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, by, by means of, concerning, despite, down, during, except, except for, excepting, for, from, in, in addition to, in back of, in case of, in front of, in place of, inside, in spite of, instead of, into, like, near, next, of, off, on, onto, on top of, out, out of, outside, over, past, regarding, round, since, through, throughout, till, to, toward, under, underneath, unlike, until, up, upon, up to, with, within, without

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### Sentence Punctuation

#### Abbreviations for the major parts of sentences:

IC – Independent Clause: subject + verb + a complete thought  
DC – Dependent Clause: subject + verb with a subordinating conjunction  
CA – Conjunctive Adverb: an adverb that joins two clauses  
FANBOY- Coordinating Conjunction  
LE – List Element: item in a list  
NRC – Nonrestrictive Clause (“scoopable”)

#### Sentences are punctuated following these patterns:

P#1: IC. – Simple sentence  
P#2: IC; IC. – Compound Sentence  
P#3: IC; CA, IC. – Compound Sentence  
P#4: IC, FANBOY IC. – Compound Sentence  
P#5: I, NRC, C. – Non-restrictive clause inserted in an Independent Clause  
P#6: DC, IC. – Complex Sentence  
P#7: IC DC. – Complex Sentence  
P#8: IC: LE, LE, and LE. – Simple Sentence