Sentence Joining Simple Sentences (do not require a comma):

- Mone subject, one VERB
 - The <u>rabbit</u> JUMPED.
 - The <u>little girl</u> LAUGHED.
- Two subjects (compound subject), one VERB
 - The <u>rabbit and the kangaroo</u> JUMPED.
 - The <u>little girl and the little boy</u> LAUGHED.
- Two <u>subjects</u>, two VERBS (<u>Compound subject</u>, COMPOUND VERB)
 - The <u>rabbit and the kangaroo</u> JUMPED AND RAN.
 - The little girl and the little boy LAUGHED AND RAN.

Compound sentences (require a comma)

- Use a coordinating contraction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) **WITH** a **comma** to join two simple sentences together.
 - The rabbit jumped, **for** the kangaroo jumped.
 - The little girl laughed, and the little boy laughed.
 - The rabbit did not jump and run, **nor** did the kangaroo jump and run.
 - The little boy laughed and ran, **but** the little girl laughed and ran farther.
 - The kangaroo and the rabbit must jump, or the little boy and the little girl will bite them.
 - The rabbit and the little boy jumped, yet the kangaroo and the little girl jumped higher.
 - The rabbit and the little girl laughed and jumped, **so** the kangaroo and the little boy laughed and jumped.

Complex sentences (could be, could be not)

Use a subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun to make a simple sentence dependent upon another sentence. *If you use the dependent clause first, make sure you put a comma after it.*

- The rabbit jumped <u>because the kangaroo jumped</u>. (simple sentence/<u>dependent sentence</u>)
- Because the rabbit jumped, the kangaroo jumped. (dependent sentence/simple sentence)
- The rabbit jumped and ran <u>since the kangaroo jumped and ran</u>. (simple sentence/<u>dependent</u> <u>sentence</u>)
- Since the rabbit jumped and ran, the kangaroo jumped and ran. (dependent sentence/simple sentence)
- The rabbit and the little girl jumped and ran <u>when the kangaroo and the little boy jumped and</u> ran. (simple sentence/<u>dependent sentence</u>)
- When the rabbit and the little girl jumped and ran, the kangaroo and the little boy jumped and ran. (dependent sentence/simple sentence)
- The little boy and the little girl will bite the rabbit and the kangaroo <u>if they do not jump and run</u>. (simple sentence/<u>dependent sentence</u>)
- If the little boy and the little girl bite the rabbit and the kangaroo, the animals will need tetanus shots. (dependent sentence/simple sentence)
 - How else can you join sentences?

With a semicolon.