Sentence Joining

Simple Sentences (do not require a comma):

One subject, one VERB
- The rabbit JUMPED.
- The little girl LAUGHED.

Two subjects (compound subject), one VERB
- The rabbit and the kangaroo JUMPED.
- The little girl and the little boy LAUGHED.

Two subjects, two VERBS (Compound subject, COMPOUND VERB)
- The rabbit and the kangaroo 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 because the kangaroo jumped. (simple sentence/dependent sentence)
- Because the rabbit jumped, the kangaroo jumped. (dependent sentence/simple sentence)
- The rabbit jumped and ran since the kangaroo jumped and ran. (simple sentence/dependent sentence)
- Since the rabbit jumped and ran, the kangaroo jumped and ran. (dependent sentence/simple sentence)
- The rabbit and the little girl jumped and ran when the kangaroo and the little boy jumped and ran. (simple sentence/dependent sentence)
- 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 if they do not jump and run. (simple sentence/dependent sentence)
- 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?