



Combining Sentences

Joining Sentences by Coordination

Option 1— coordinating conjunction

Independent Clause , **for** Independent Clause
 , **and**
 , **nor**
 , **but**
 , **or**
 , **yet**



Example:
 She learned to study more often, for she wanted to pass her classes.

Option 2— semi-colon

Independent Clause ; Independent Clause.

Example:
 I love chocolate; I devour several bars every day.

Option 3— conjunctive adverbs

There are many choices!
This is the same as Option 2; however, the second sentence happens to begin with a transition word.

Independent Clause ; **as a result,** Independent Clause
 ; **for example,**
 ; **nevertheless,**

; **also,** ; **in fact,** ; **on the other hand,**
 ; **anyway,** ; **incidentally,** ; **otherwise,**
 ; **besides,** ; **indeed,** ; **similarly,**
 ; **certainly,** ; **in fact,** ; **still**
 ; **consequently,** ; **instead,** ; **then**
 ; **finally,** ; **likewise,** ; **therefore,**
 ; **for instance,** ; **meanwhile,** ; **thus**
 ; **furthermore,** ; **moreover,** ; **undoubtedly,**
 ; **however,** ; **next**
 ; **in addition,** ; **now**
 ; **in contrast,** ; **of course,**

Example:
 I want to graduate with honors; therefore, I study as much as possible.



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Joining Sentences by Subordination

Option 4— dependent clause first

Dependent Clause , Independent Clause.

You must use a comma!

After
Although
As
As if
Because
Before
Even though
If
In order that
Since

So that
Though
Unless
Until
When
Whenever
Where
Whereas
Whether
While

NOTE:
Capitalize these words because the dependent clause will begin a sentence.

Example:
When he writes well, his teachers are pleased.



Option 5— dependent clause last

Independent Clause Dependent Clause.

NOTE:
No comma is needed here!

Example:
 She practices writing *so that* she can become a better student.

after **so that**
although **though**
as **unless**
as if **until**
because **when**
before **whenever**
even though **where**
if **whereas**
in order that **whether**
since **while**

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