



## 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  
 although  
 as  
 as if  
 because  
 before  
 even though  
 if  
 in order that  
 since

so that  
 though  
 unless  
 until  
 when  
 whenever  
 where  
 whereas  
 whether  
 while

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