COMMAS AND SEMICOLONS

The following is a chart illustrating the use of commas and semicolons with five different sentence patterns.

**Coordination**

**Option 1**

Independent clause

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

Independent clause.

**Option 2**

Independent clause

; independent clause.

**Option 3**

Independent clause

; consequently,
; furthermore,
; however,
; indeed,
; in fact,
; moreover,
; nevertheless,
; then,
; therefore,

Independent clause.

**Subordination**

**Option 4**

Independent clause

after
although
as (as if)
because
before
if
since
unless
until
when(ever)
whereas
while

dependent clause.

**Option 5**

After
Although
As (as if)
Because
Before
If
Since
Unless
Until
When(ever)
Whereas
While

dependent clause, independent clause.

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