

# Punctuation Patterns Overview

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## The Basics: Semicolons and Colons

1. **Independent clause** .
2. **Independent clause** ; **independent clause** .
3. **Independent clause** ; therefore, **independent clause** .  
however,  
nevertheless,  
consequently,  
furthermore,  
moreover,  
(and so on, with other conjunctive adverbs)
4. **Independent clause** : A , B , and C .
5. **Independent clause** : **independent clause** .
6. **Independent clause** : **phrase** .

## Commas and Their Wily Ways

1. **Independent clause** , and **independent clause** .  
    , but  
    , for  
    , or  
    , nor  
    , so  
    , yet
2. **Clause, phrase,  
or word** , **nonessential clause or  
phrase, appositive phrase  
or word** , **clause, phrase  
or word** .
3. If **introductory dependent clause** , **independent clause** .  
Because  
Since  
When  
While  
Although  
After  
(and so on with other subordinate conjunctions)
4. " \_\_\_\_\_ , " she said.  
He said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ."  
" \_\_\_\_\_ , " she said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ."