

Punctuation Pattern Sheet

An independent clause has a subject and a verb and is a complete thought.

#1 Independent clause .

#2 Independent clause ; independent clause .

#3 Independent clause ; therefore , independent clause .
however,
nevertheless,
consequently,
furthermore,

**Conjunctive
Adverbs**

#4 Independent clause , for independent clause .
and
nor
but
or
yet
so

**Coordinating
Conjunctions
(FANBOYS)**

#5 Independent] , his heart beating wildly, [clause] .
of course,
I believe,
on the other hand,
it seems,
who knows me well,
however,

**Nonrestrictive
Clauses**

A subordinating conjunction in front of an independent clause turns it into a dependent clause.

#6 If dependent clause , independent clause .
Because
Since
When
Even though
After

**Subordinating
Conjunctions**

#7 Independent clause if dependent clause .
because
since
when
even though
after

**Subordinating
Conjunctions**

#8 Independent clause : List Element , List Element , and List Element .

Phrases lack subjects or verbs or both; treat them like dependent clauses when you punctuate sentences.