

Punctuation Patterns Overview

The Basics: Periods, 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, " _____ ."