

# Combining Clauses

## By Coordination

### Method I

Independent Clause +

Comma + Coordinating Conjunction  
, *and* , *but* , *or* , *nor*  
, *for* , *yet* , *so*

+ Independent Clause

**Example:** We arrived early, **so** we found a good place to sit.

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### Method II

Independent Clause

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Semicolon (;)

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Independent Clause

**Example:** We arrived early; we found a good place to sit.

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### Method II

Independent Clause

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Semicolon + Adverbial Conjunction + Comma

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Independent Clause

; also, ; in addition, ; besides,  
; furthermore, ; likewise, ; moreover,  
; in fact, ; indeed, ; for example,  
; however, ; nonetheless, ; for instance,  
; instead, ; meanwhile, ; nevertheless,  
; otherwise, ; therefore, ; consequently,  
; as a result, ; accordingly,

**Example:** We arrived early; **consequently**, we found a good place to sit.

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## By Subordination

### Method I

Independent Clause

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Subordinating Conjunction and a Dependent Clause

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after                      although                      as, as if, as though  
as long as                until                              because  
before                      even though                      provided that  
since                        rather than                      so that  
though                      when, whenever                whether  
unless                        while                              where, wherever

**Example:** We found a good place to sit **since** we arrived early.