Conjunctions

Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions often combine (or coordinate) independent clauses or other sentence elements.

Ex: *She will inherit the diamond, but she must wait until she is older.*

There are 7 common coordinating conjunctions, which can be remembered with help from the acronym FANBOYS...

    for  and  nor  but  or  yet  so

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinate conjunctions often begin dependent clauses, which are separated with a comma from independent clauses if the dependent clause begins or interrupts the sentence.

Ex: *When she is older, she will inherit the diamond.*

    after  even though  since  unless  wherever
    although  if  so  until  whether
    as  in order  so that  when  while
    because  once  that  wherever
    before  provided that  though  whereas
    even if  rather than

Common Conjunctive Adverbs

Conjunctive adverbs can be used to join independent clauses. They should be preceded by a semicolon and followed by a comma.

Ex: *She is older now; therefore, she can inherit the diamond.*

    besides  moreover  for
    finally  rather  in the meantime
    likewise  first  notwithstanding
    on the other hand  in the first place  therefore
    furthermore  nonetheless  then
    however