**Compound Sentence:**

* Contains 2 clauses
* Both are independent

A compound sentence can be created in a few ways. Your punctuation depends on what words or techniques you are using to join the two independent clauses.

**1.** Two independent clauses can be joined with a **semi-colon**.

I have the best time on ski trips with my family**;** there is nothing like quality time on the slopes with loved ones.  
[--------------------------IC------------------------------] [----------------------------------IC-------------------------------------------]

**2**. Two independent clauses can be joined with **a semi-colon**, a conjunctive adverb or **subordinating conjunction**, AND a **comma**

John loves apple pie**; however,** he does not like it with ice cream.   
[---------IC---------------] [conj. adv.] [------------------IC-------------------------]

3. Two independent clauses can be joined with a **comma** and a **FANBOY** (for, and, nor, but, or, yet)  
Dave likes to play soccer, but he likes running track more.   
[-------------IC-------------------] [-----------------IC--------------------]

**Complex Sentence:**

* Contains 2 clauses
* One is independent
* One is dependent (hangs onto IC)
* DC often contains a subordinating conjunction

Notice the different rules for punctuating complex sentences. They are dependent upon where the clause appears:

1. **When DC starts the sentence,** it must be followed by a comma.

**When I was young,** I loved horses.

[-----DC--------------] [-----IC----------]

1. No comma is used unless the DC is nonessential and interrupts the sentence.

I want to teach **because I love my students.**

[-------------IC--] [----------DC---------------------]

The book **that I am reading** is good.

[---IC-----{-------DC-----------}-----------]

This movie**, which won an academy award,** sucks!

[-----I------ {-------------DC----------------------} ----C--]

**List of Subordinating Conjunctions**

|  |  |  |
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| **Since**  **When**  **After**  **Before**  **If**  how  although  unless  as  in as much | when  as long as  lest  whenever  as much as  now that  where  as soon as  provided (that)  wherever  though | until  in order that  while  because  so that  than  even if  that  even though |

**List of Conjunctive Adverbs**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Therefore However Also Meanwhile Otherwise**  accordingly  additionally  besides  comparatively  consequently  conversely  finally  further | furthermore  elsewhere  equally  hence  henceforth  in addition  in comparison  in contrast  indeed  instead  likewise  moreover  namely | nevertheless next  nonetheless  now  rather  similarly  still  subsequently  then  thereafter  thus  yet |