## WRITING CENTER

## COORDINATION

 You can join two independent clauses (sentences) together by placing a comma and a coordinating conjunction between them.

Independent clause ,nor ,but ,or ,yet ,so

I love flowers, but I am allergic to pollen.

 You can join two related independent clauses (sentences) together by placing a semicolon between them.

Independent clause ; independent clause.

I love flowers; I am allergic to pollen.

 You can join two independent clauses (sentences) together with a conjunctive adverb.
 When using this method, you must use a semicolon before the conjunctive adverb and a comma after it.

; consequently,
; further,
; furthermore,
; however,
; in addition,
; indeed,
; in fact,
; moreover,
; nevertheless,
; then,
; therefore,
; thus,

I love flowers; however, I am allergic to pollen.

## SUBORDINATION

A subordinate or dependent clause (fragment) may be joined to an independent clause (sentence) with a subordinating conjunction.

 When the dependent clause (fragment) follows the independent clause, it requires no comma.

Independent clause
Independent clause

before
if
since
unless
until
when(ever)
whereas
while

I love flowers although I am allergic to pollen.

• When the dependent clause (fragment) begins the sentence, it is followed by a comma.

After
Although
As (as if)
Because
Before
If dependent clause, independent clause.
Since
Unless
Until
When(ever)
Whereas
While

Although I love flowers, I am allergic to pollen.

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