COORDINATION

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

| ,for | ,and | ,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.

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.

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 dependent clause.

I love flowers although I am allergic to pollen.

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

Independent clause, dependent clause.

Although I love flowers, I am allergic to pollen.