Punctuation Patterns

1. **Independent clause.**

2. **Independent clause; independent clause.**

[conjunctive adverb]

3. **Independent clause;**   therefore   **, independent clause.**

however, nevertheless,
consequently, conversely,
in fact, indeed,
moreover, meanwhile,

[coordinating conjunction]

4. **Independent clause,**   and   **independent clause.**

but, for, or, nor, so, yet

[unessential]

5. **Clause, phrase, or word,** *clause, phrase, or word,* **clause, phrase, or word.**

[subordinating conjunction]

6.   If   **dependent clause, independent clause.**

Because, Since, When, While
Although, After, etc.

[subordinating conjunction]

7. **Independent clause**   because   **dependent clause.**

if, since, when, while
although, after, etc.

[series]

8. **Independent clause: A, B, and C.**

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