

## MODELS FOR JOINING CLAUSES & PHRASES INTO SENTENCES

Follow the models below for joining independent clauses(see 1 through 5), dependent clauses (see 8 and 9), and phrases (see 6 and 7) into sentences:

1. Darien came early, but Erin was delayed.

**Darien came early** , **but** **Erin was delayed** .  
Independent clause....Comma.....Coordinating conjunction.....Independent clause...Period

2. Cathy looked sad. We had no idea why.

**Cathy looked sad** . **We had no idea why** .  
Independent clause....Period.....Independent clause...Period

3. My mother is right; we should have known better.

**My mother is right** ; **we should have known better** .  
Independent clause.....Semi-colon.....Independent clause.....Period

4. I like you; however, you don't appreciate me.

**I like you** ; **however** , **you don't appreciate me** .  
Indep. clause...Semi-colon.....Transitional word.....Comma.....Indep. clause..... Period

5. I saw you. However, you didn't see me.

**I saw you** . **However** , **you didn't see me** .  
Indep. clause.....Period....Transitional word.....Comma.....Indep. clause.....Period

6. The house was clean but stuffed with furniture.

**The house was clean** **but** **stuffed with furniture** .  
Independent clause.....Coordinating conjunction.....Phrase.....Period

7. Just a few more steps and we'll be there.

**Just a few more steps** **and** **we'll be there** .  
Phrase.....Coordinating conjunction.....Independent clause.....Period

8. Because I dropped the ball, we lost the game.

**Because I dropped the ball** , **we lost the game** .  
Dependent clause.....Comma.....Independent clause.....Period

9. We lost the game because I dropped the ball.

**We lost the game** **because I dropped the ball** .  
Independent clause.....Dependent clause.....Period

10. I know, nonetheless, that you lied.

**I know** , **nonetheless** , (*cont. on next line*)  
Start of indep. clause.....Comma.....Transitional word.....Comma.....

**that you lied** .  
.....Dependent clause, which forms remainder of indep. clause.....Period

11. We, of course, were the first people to arrive.

**We** , **of course** , (*cont. on next line*)  
Start of indep. clause.....Comma.....Transitional phrase....Comma.....

**were the first people to arrive** .  
.....Verb phrase, which forms remainder of indep. clause.....Period