

2. If the adverb clause appears at the end of the sentence, don't use a comma between clauses:

{S+V (+O)+Subordinating Conjunction +S+V (+O)}

Example: We went for a walk *after we finished dinner*.

Main clause *adverb clause*

3. *Exception: Clauses of opposition with whereas and while always take commas, no matter where they appear in the sentence.*

Example: Florida is hot, *whereas Alaska is cold*.

Main clause *adverb clause*

Whereas Alaska is cold, Florida is hot.

Adverb clause main clause

Conjunctive Adverbs (Transitions)

Conjunctive Adverbs (which are more commonly known as transitions) provide a connection between ideas. Unlike subordinating conjunctions, they do not make clauses dependent.

1. ADDITION: also, besides, equally, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, next, too.
2. SIMILARITY: also, likewise, moreover
3. DIFFERENCE: however, on the contrary, on the other hand, in contrast, nevertheless
4. EXAMPLES: for example, for instance, in fact
5. RESTATEMENTS/SUMMARIES: finally, in brief, in conclusion, in other words, in short, in summary, therefore
6. RESULT: accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, therefore
7. CHRONOLOGY (TIME ORDER): afterward, in the meantime, later, meanwhile, next, second, earlier, finally, first, soon, still, then, third

Punctuation Patterns:

There are three possible punctuation patterns.

1. Most common pattern: {Transition, S+V (+O).}

Example: Many of New Jersey's highways are very crowded. *For example*, Route 80 has bumper-to-bumper traffic every day.

2. Another possible pattern:

{S+V (+O); transition, S+V (+O).}

Example: Many of New Jersey's highways are very crowded; *for example*, Route 80 has bumper-to-bumper traffic every day.

3. Less common pattern: {S, transition, V (+O)}

Example: Many of New Jersey's highways are very crowded. Route 80, *for example*, has bumper-to-bumper traffic every day.

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