

Connect Loosely Related Ideas



- Connect ideas stronger than with a comma
- > Links two independent clauses

- The two clauses are given equal value
- Example: Some people are nice; Some people are mean.

Comma Splice - Common Mistake



- When connecting two independent clauses by a comma
- > It should be a semicolon or two sentences.
- > Wrong: Cake is tasty, cake is great.
- > Right: Cake is tasty; cake is great.
- > Right: Cake is tasty. Cake is great.

Next Rule



Two independent clauses that are connected by conjunctive adverbs or transitional phrases

Example: People usually like to eat cake; as a result, many people shop at the local bakery

What Is A Conjunctive Adverb



- Adverb or phrase joining independent clauses in a sentence
- Example: I missed the train; therefore, things became hopeless
- > Example: Many desserts are great; however, my heart belongs to cake.

Conjunctive Adverb Words



accordingly, also, besides, consequently, finally, however, indeed, instead, likewise, meanwhile, moreover, nevertheless, next, otherwise, still, therefore, then, etc.

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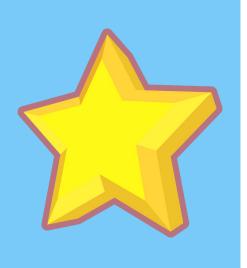
- > Between items in a list if any of the items contain commas.
- Example: There are two kinds of food preferences: cake, which is tasty; or vegetables which are healthier but boring.

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- Between independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction if the clauses are already punctuated with commas or long.
- Example: Some people like sweets like chocolate, cake, and candy; however, other people like healthy food like spinach, broccoli, and carrots.

Coordinating Conjunction: FANBOYS



> F - For

> A - And

> N - Nor

- ➤ B But
- > O Or. Y = Yet. S = So