

Grammar:

Simple: Sam washed his face.

Compound: Sam washed his face, and he combed his hair.

Complex: Sam got dressed because it was time for school.

**Coordinate** Conjunctions: and, or, but, nor, yet, so, far

The computer is old but effective.

She bought apples, pears, and bananas.

Not use commas:

Only 2 nouns, verbs, or adjectives

Use commas:

Series with 3 or more items

Two independent clauses joined with conjunctions

The bus was late, so I decided to walk home.

I want to swim and hike.

### **Transition compounds:**

Transition words: therefore, however, in addition, furthermore, otherwise, nonetheless, thus, similar, then, also

Saving money is not easy; however, it is a good habit to follow.

完整句子 + ; + transition word + , + 完整句子

Susan is very healthy; she used to walk to work.

; 分隔俩并列句

### **Complex sentences**

While Sam cooked meals, we listened to music.

We listened to music while Sam cooked meals.

Adverb clause connectors: after, while, before, if, although, when, since, because, even if, in case, unless, whether, so that

I will take an umbrella in case(if) it rains.

In case(if) it rains, I will take an umbrella.

Use a comma: if dependent clause starts a sentence

Not use a comma: if independent clause starts a sentence

Introductory phrase:

After dinner, Steve watched TV.

The mayor, by the way, will be at the meeting.

Joe wants to buy a house, too.

My roommate, who hates seafood, does not want me to cook seafood.

In my view, Tom is a good student.

Comma:

Compound sentences

Series

Introductory phrases

Sentence Variety

Using keywords / synom

Use different sentence types

Top 50 phrase

Did I get you right?

Can't Complain(good)

It is very kind of you

Don't take it to heart (安慰别人)

I did not catch last words. Can you repeat it.

It does not matter

No worries

Finger crossed (Good luck)

Sorry, I will be with you in a minute.

Where were we?

Lucky you (congragulation)

I freaked out (angry)

You've gotto to be kidding me

Come on, you can do it.

Keep up the good work

That's lit

There you go

I will text you

It's not worth it

You rock (You are amazing)

You should go an extra mile

Couldn't care less (boring)

I screwed up (mistake)