COMMON PUNCTUATION PATTERNS

1. Independent clause (or ? or !)

2. Independent clause, independent clause. (The ideas in each sentence should be closely related when using a semicolon.)

3. Independent clause, therefore, independent clause. however, nevertheless, consequently, furthermore, moreover, (etc.)

4. Independent clause, and independent clause. but or nor for so yet

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

6. If dependent clause, independent clause. Because Since When While Although After (etc.)

(Note: A comma is not needed after the introductory clause if it is short or of the omission does not make reading difficult.)

7. Independent clause if dependent clause. because since when while although after (etc.)

8. Independent clause: a, b, and c.