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
or word |, nonessential clause,
phrase or word , | clause, phrase
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.