

Figure 11.3 Punctuation Overview Chart

Compound Sentences	Introductory Items	Nonessential Items
<i>Rule: Divide two independent clauses with a comma + conjunction or a semicolon</i>	<i>Rule: Separate introductory items from an independent clause with a comma</i>	<i>Rule: Separate nonessential items from an independent clause with commas</i>
We like sports a lot, but we can only join one team each season.	<u>Introductory adverb clause:</u> When I feel sick , I try to rest at home.	<u>Appositive phrase:</u> Our dog, a Jack Russell terrier , likes to chase squirrels.
My teammates need to be strong, so they work out each morning.	<u>Introductory participial phrase:</u> Relaxing on my bed , I begin to feel better.	<u>Adjective clause:</u> My mother, who usually walks our dog , does many jobs in our house.
Some days are warm and comfortable; others are hot and uncomfortable.	<u>Introductory expression:</u> However , I can't go to school if I'm sick.	<u>Parenthetical words/"hitching words"</u> Our dog, however , sometimes gets muddy in the yard.
The coach wants us to enjoy practice; therefore , she gives us enough water breaks.	<u>Appositive before a noun:</u> A caring person , my sister brings me snacks in my room.	<u>Participial phrase:</u> My brother, opening the front door , calls loudly for the dog to come in.