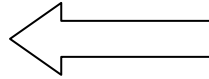


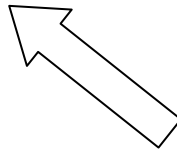
Punctuating for coordinating conjunctions:

and
but
so
for
yet
or
nor



These are the seven
coordinating conjunctions.

Complete sentence #1	coordinating conjunction goes in between	Complete sentence #2
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A comma goes right in
front of the coordinating
conjunction in this
situation.

- It was the best of times, and it was the worst of times.
- It was the best of times, so it was the worst of times.
- It was the best of times, yet it was the worst of times.
- It wasn't the best of times, nor was it the worst of times.

Punctuating for adverbial conjunctions:

however
even so
unfortunately*
also
similarly*
moreover
in fact

Here are seven examples
of adverbial conjunctions.

*(most *-ly* adverbs can become conjunctive adverbs when placed between two sentences)

Complete sentence #1	adverbial conjunction goes in between	Complete sentence #2
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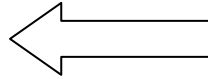
A semi-colon goes right in
front of the adverbial
conjunction in this
situation,...

...and a comma goes after
the adverbial conjunction.

- It was the best of times; however, it was the worst of times.
- It was the best of times; unfortunately, it was the worst of times.
- It was the best of times; moreover, it was the worst of times.
- It was the best of times; coincidentally, it was the worst of times too.

Punctuating for subordinating conjunctions:

when/whenever
even though
although
while
since
before/after
because



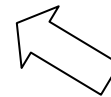
Here are seven examples of subordinating conjunctions.

Two choices: option 1

Complete sentence #1	A subordinating conjunction can go in between.	Complete sentence #2
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Two choices: option 2

A subordinating conjunction can also go in front.	Complete sentence #1	Complete sentence #2
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Option 1 needs no commas at all; however, option 2 needs a comma here.

- It was the best of times even though it was the worst of times.
- It was the best of times because it was the worst of times.
- When it was the best of times, it was the worst of times too.
- Although it was the best of times, it became the worst of times.