**Punctuation Rules for Transition Words**

1. **Conjunctions**

**Only a comma BEFORE a conjunction (FANBOYS: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)**

* I told her not to call me at night , yet she called me at 11:00 PM.
* She has an exam tomorrow, so she can’t come with us to the cinema tonight.

1. **Conjunctive Adverbs**

***accordingly  
again  
also  
as a result  
besides***

***besides***

***hence  
however  
in addition  
indeed  
in fact  
in particular   
instead  
likewise  
meanwhile  
moreover  
consequently  
finally  
for example  
further  
furthermore***

***namely  
nevertheless  
of course   
otherwise  
still  
that is  
then  
therefore  
thus***

**Full stop at the end of the first sentence, Conjunctive adverb with initial capitalized, followed by a comma, and then the second complete sentence (subject+ verb….)**

* You didn’t confirm that you were coming with us. Accordingly, I cancelled your booking.
* She didn’t do well in the first test. However, she worked hard after that and did well in the second test.

**Or a semicolon at the end of the first sentence, Conjunctive adverb with initial in lower case (small letter), followed by a comma, and then the second complete sentence (subject+ verb….)**

* You didn’t confirm that you were coming with us; accordingly, I cancelled your booking.
* She didn’t do well in the first test; however, she worked hard after that and did well in the second test.

1. **Subordinators**

**They can come in the beginning or the middle of a complex sentence (two sentences joint into one).**

[after](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-after-00.html)   
[although](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-although-00.html)  
[as](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-as-00.html)  
[as far as](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-as-far-as-00.html)  
[as long as](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-as-long-as-00.html)   
[as soon as](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-as-soon-as-00.html)  
as well as

[because](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-because-00.html)

because of  
[before](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-before-00.html)  
[even if](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-even-if-00.html)   
[even though](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-eventhough-00.html)   
however  
[if](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-if-00.html)  
as much as  
in case  
no matter  
[now that](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-now-that-00.html)  
[once](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-once-00.html)  
[since](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-since-00.html)  
[so long as](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-so-long-as-00.html)

[unless](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-unless-00.html)  
[until](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-until-00.html)

[whatever](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-whatever-00.html)  
[when](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-when-00.html) (as in *When you leave, close the door*).  
[whenever](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-whenever-00.html)  
[whereas](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-whereas-00.html)   
[wherever](https://subordinators.weebly.com/subs-wherever-00.html)

**If the subordinator is in the beginning of the sentences, then add a comma between the two sentences it joins.**

* After you clean your room, please come and help me with the dishes
* No matter how busy you get, it is important to exercise at least three times a week

**If the subordinator is in the middle of the sentence, then keep in in lower case (small letters) and do NOT use a comma.**

* Please come and help me with the dishes after you clean your room.
* It is important to exercise at least three times a week no matter how busy you get