Punctuation Pattern Sheet

#1 | Independent clause | .

#2 | Independent clause | ; | independent clause | .

#3 | Independent clause | ; | therefore |, | independent clause | .
however
nevertheless
consequently
furthermore
moreover

#4 | Independent clause | , and | Independent clause | .
or
but
nor
yet
so
for
(then)

#5 | Independent | , his heart beating wildly , | clause | .
of course
I believe
on the other hand
it seems
who knows me well

Separate only in this way if this type of text in not essential.

#6 | If dependent clause | , | Independent clause | .
Because
Since
When
While
Although
After
Even before

No comma :

 # 10 | Independent clause |

| if dependent clause ... |

#7 | Independent clause | | if | **# 11** *I believe ✗ that*
because
since
when
while
after
even before
although

#8 | Independent clause | : | A | , | B | , and | C | .

Do not separate only two items

#9 " _____," he said.
He said, " _____."
" _____," he said, " _____."
" _____," he said, " _____."

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