

Combining Independent Clauses

Independent clauses are essentially two sentences that could stand on their own—in other words, they don't "depend" on another clause to allow them to make sense.

These sentences must be combined with the use of a connecting word known as a "conjunction." The power conjunctions often used to achieve this purpose can be remembered as FANBOYS.

for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

The rule is simple, as long as you have two independent clauses, the comma will be placed BEFORE the power word.

Ex) She is a graceful dancer.
People enjoy watching her.

Combined) She is a graceful dancer, and people enjoy watching her.