**Sentence Punctuation Patterns**

To punctuate a sentence, you can use and combine some of these patterns.

**Pattern One: Simple sentence**

This pattern is an example of a simple sentence:

**Independent clause**[ . ]

Example: **Doctors are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma**.

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Two : Compound Sentence**

This pattern is an example of a compound sentence with a coordinating conjunction:

**Independent clause** [ , ]**coordinating conjunction independent clause** [ . ]

There are seven coordinating conjunctions:**and, but, for, or, nor, so, yet.**

Example: **Doctors are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma**, **but** **they don't know the reasons for it**.

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Three: Compound Sentence**

This pattern is an example of a compound sentence with a semicolon.

**Independent clause** [ ; ]**independent clause**[ . ]

Example: **Doctors are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma**; **they are unsure of its cause**.

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Four: Compound Sentence**

This pattern is an example of a compound sentence with an independent marker.

**Independent clause** [ ; ]**independent marker** [ , ]**independent clause** [ . ]

Examples of independent markers are the following: **therefore, moreover, thus, consequently, however, also.**

Example: **Doctors are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma**; **therefore**, **they have called for more research into its causes**.

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Five: Complex Sentence**

This pattern is an example of a complex sentence with a dependent marker.

**Dependent marker** **dependent clause**[ , ]**Independent clause**[ . ]

Examples of dependent markers are as follows: **because, before, since, while, although, if, until, when, after, as, as if.**

Example: **Because doctors are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma**,**they have called for more research into its causes**.

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Six: Complex Sentence**

This pattern is an example of a complex sentence with a dependent marker.

**Independent clause** **dependent marker** **dependent clause** [ . ]

Examples of dependent markers are as follows: **because, before, since, while, although, if, until, when, after, as, as if.**

Example: **Doctors are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma** **because it is a common, treatable illness.**

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Seven**

This pattern includes an independent clause with an embedded non-essential clause or phrase

**First part of an independent clause** [ , ] **non-essential clause or phrase**, **rest of the independent clause**[ . ]

A non-essential clause or phrase is one that can be removed without changing the meaning of the sentence or making it ungrammatical. In other words, the non-essential clause or phrase gives additional information, but the sentence can stand alone without it.

Example: **Many doctors**, **including both pediatricians and family practice physicians**, **are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma**.

**Compose your own example here:**

**Pattern Eight**

This pattern includes an independent clause with an embedded essential clause or phrase

**First part of an independent clause essential clause or phrase rest of the independent clause** [ . ]

An essential clause or phrase is one that cannot be removed without changing the overall meaning of the sentence.

Example: **Many doctors who are concerned about the rising death rate from asthma have called for more research**

**into its causes**.