### VANCOUVER COMMUNITY C O L L E G E

### **Sentence Combining:**

Seven Different Ways to Join Ideas

## I. Coordination (forming compound sentences) Option 1

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Independent clause

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

Independent clause
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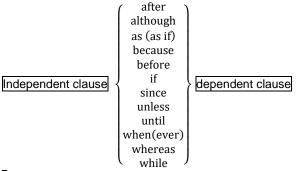
#### Option 2

Independent clause {; } Independent clause (use a **semi-colon** to join the clauses)

#### Option 3

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| (; consequently, ; furthermore, ; however, ; in addition, ; indeed, ; in fact, ; moreover, ; nevertheless, ; then, ; therefore,
```

## II. Subordination (forming complex sentences) Option 4



### Option 5

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After
Although
As (As if)
Because
Before
If
Since
Unless
Until
When(ever)
Whereas
While

After
Although
As (As if)
Because
Before
If
Since
Unless
Until
When(ever)
Whereas
While
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#### Option 6

**Adverb clauses** show relationships such as time, cause and effect, contrast, and condition. They can be connected to the independent clause using the following subordinating conjunctions:

- Time: after, before, when, while, as, by the time, whenever, since, until, as soon as, once, as long as
- · Cause and effect: because, since, now that, as, as long as, inasmuch as, so (that), in order that
- Contrast: although, even though, though, whereas, while
- Condition: if, unless, only if, whether or not, even if, providing (that), provided (that), in case, in the event

#### Please see a tutor for a handout on Adverb Clauses for more information

# III. Adjective and Noun Clauses Option 7

Adjective and noun clauses are two other types of dependent clauses that perform different functions when joining ideas:

- Adjective clauses perform the same function in sentences that adjectives do: they describe nouns.
   Adjective clauses are connected with the following relative pronouns:
  - That
  - o Which
  - o Who
  - o Whom
  - o Whose
  - o Where
  - o When
  - Why

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- Noun clauses do the same job in sentences that nouns do: for example, they can be the subject or the
  object of a verb or the object of a preposition. Noun clauses use the following words to combine ideas in a
  sentence:
  - o Wh words (what, when, where, why, who)
  - o That
  - If or whether

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