Compound **Subject** Sentence

*Jack* and *Jill* went to the party.

*Jack, Jill,* and *Yeraldi* ate dinner after the party.

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Compound **Verb** (Predicate) Sentence

**NS Vt NDO Vi adv**

*Saul* bought a new car and drove home.

*Remember to check verbs separately: one could be Vt and the other could be Vi*

Compound **phrases:**

*Tommy ran up the stairs, down the hall, and into the bedroom.*

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Compound **clauses:**

*I was very tired, SO I stopped* for coffee. Need **COMMA – NS+V, so NS+V**

*Joe felt sick so went home. NO COMMA – NS+V so V*

**Use a comma ONLY IF you have NS + V on BOTH sides of the FANBOYS.**

Coordinating Conjunctions (FANBOYS)

**Comma rule for FANBOYS.**

**NS V , For NS V**

And

Nor

But

Or

Yet

So

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