

Coordinate Conjunctions and Punctuation Chart

Two independent clauses

Compound sentence.

<i>And - Addition/Conjunction</i>	
<i>Some people love Tom Brady. Some people hate him.</i>	<i>Some people love Tom Brady, and some people hate him.</i>
<i>But - Contrast</i>	
<i>Tom is a very good football player. He may also be a cheater.</i>	<i>Tom is a very good football player, but he may also be a cheater.</i>
<i>Or - Option/Choice/Alternative</i>	
<i>We can buy hamburgers for dinner. We can cook tacos at home.</i>	<i>We can buy hamburgers for dinner, or we can cook tacos at home.</i>
<i>So - Result</i>	
<i>I forgot to study for my final exam. I failed it.</i>	<i>I forgot to study for my final exam, so I failed it.</i>
<i>Yet - Unexpected Outcome/Concession</i>	
<i>Mr. James set his alarm for 6:00 a.m. He didn't wake up until 8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Mr. James set his alarm for 6:00 a.m., yet he didn't wake up until 8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>For - Reason</i>	
<i>Grace called to check on her father. He had fallen and broken his leg.</i>	<i>Grace called to check on her father, for he had fallen and broken his leg.</i>
<i>Nor - "Not or" (subject and verb changes order in second clause)</i>	
<i>Ling doesn't know Spanish. She doesn't know French.</i>	<i>Ling doesn't know Spanish, nor does she know French.</i>