SENTENCE PATTERNS:
COMMON PATTERNS OF PUNCTUATION
(Independent clause = complete sentence)

1. Independent clause . Independent clause

Teresa loved the concert. The band was the best she had heard.

2. Independent clause ; independent clause

Teresa loved the concert; the band was the best she had heard.

3. Independent clause

Teresa loved the concert, for the band was the best she had heard.

FANBOYS = coordinating conjunctions

4. Independent clause . therefore, Independent clause

The band was the best Teresa had heard; therefore, she loved the concert.
5. **If**
   
   Because
   
   When
   
   Although
   
   Since
   
   **dependent clause**
   
   **subordinating conjunctions**
   
   Because the band was the best she had heard, Teresa loved the concert.

6. **Independent clause**

   **if**
   
   because
   
   when
   
   although
   
   since
   
   **dependent clause**

   Teresa loved the concert because the band was the best she had heard.

7. **Independent clause**

   **if**
   
   because
   
   when
   
   although
   
   since
   
   **dependent clause**

   Teresa, who thought the band was the best she had heard, loved the concert.

   Tom, however, was bored with the whole performance.

**COMBINATIONS**

Patterns 3 and 5:

* Teresa didn’t want to go, but when she heard the band, she didn’t want the concert to end.

Patterns 4 and 3:

* Tom didn’t like the concert; however, he did like being with Teresa, so he stayed through the whole thing.

(Obviously, many other combinations of sentence patterns are possible.)