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AAAWWUBBIS= ACRONYM FOR SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS THAT FORM COMPLEX SENTENCES WITH DEPENDENT AND INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

after, although, as, when, while, unless, because, before, if, since, (even if, so that, whether, though, provided, as soon as) until also can be an aaawwubbis and/or a preposition

so can also be an aaawwubbis(subordinating) conjunction and/or a FANBOY(coordinating) conjunction

Replace "so" with "so that", if it makes sense, no comma is needed before so because it's an aaawwubbis is it's in the middle of the sentence.

If you replace so with "therefore" and it works it's a FANBOY, so you need a comma to combine the two independent clauses.

If the subordinating conjunction (links a dependent clause to an independent clause or complete sentence) is at the beginning of a sentence, a comma should be in the middle, right after the dependent clause. (yes, there are exceptions, but rare)

If the subordinating conjunction, or aaawwubbis is in the middle of the sentence, a comma is usually not needed.

Examples

dependent clause (can not be left alone): As I walked down the hall,

Because I love learning,

Independent clause: a complete sentence without a conjunction. It can be alone.

They both went on a diet so they could play more football with their friends.

I've drunk six cups of coffee, so I've got a headache.

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