FANBOYS NOTES: 10-9-2020

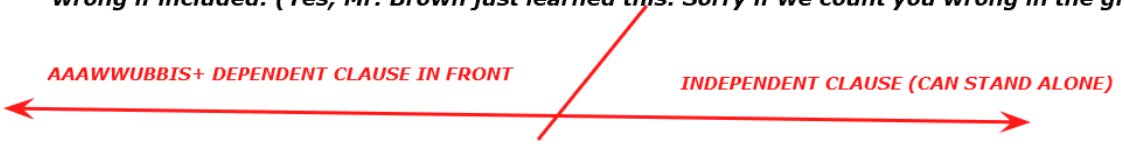
FOR, AND, NOR, BUT, OR, YET, SO (THE ACRONYM FOR COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS THAT ARE USED TO CONNECT WORDS, PHRASES, AND CLAUSES OF EQUAL RANK.

COMMAS ARE ONLY USED BEFORE A FANBOYS CONJUNCTION WHEN IT IS ACTUALLY USED TO COMBINE 2 COMPLETE SENTENCES THAT COULD BE BROKEN APART.

If there are not 2 subjects and two verbs seperated by FANBOYS, YOU DON'T NEED A COMMA.

Note: however, therefore, moreover and a few more words are like FANBOYS but are really conjunctive adverbs. Just use a period to break them up or a semicolon before the conjunctive adverb.

Note: we always put commas between items in a list and the final comma before "and" or "or" in the list is optional but not wrong if included. (Yes, Mr. Brown just learned this. Sorry if we count you wrong in the grammar book)



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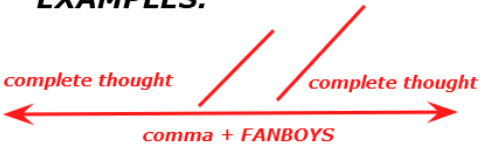

Justin didn't want help, nor did she offer it.(comma needed)

Judel drank tea, but Tanvi slept on the couch. (comma needed)

I am almost dressed and ready. (no comma)

My socks are in the bedroom or beside my bed. (no comma)

My hamster loved to eat carrots, he prefers the veggies from PETSMART. (comma splice, a FANBOYS is also needed)

Football is my favorite sport, however table tennis is where I excel. (comma is not needed, but should be a semicolon or broken up)