

For

a fancy
because



Teresa went back to the car, for she forgot her purse and phone.

And

combines two
like things



Amy ate cookies, and she dipped them in milk.

Not

always
negative



Nah.

Katie did not like broccoli, nor did she like carrots.

But

debates or
disagrees



Lisa wanted to watch a movie, but Tim wanted to play mini golf.

Or

offers
choices



The students could read at home, or they could read in class.

Yet

but's
evil twin



Ms. Smith is my favorite teacher, yet she still gives homework.

So

connects a solution
with a problem



John went to the mall, so he could buy new shoes.

AAAWWUBBIS

AAA: After Although As

WW: When While

BB: Because Before

U: Until

I: If

S: Since

Introductory phrases:

- Use this pattern to create interesting sentence beginnings.
- Use this pattern to build drama.
- Use this pattern to create musicality in your writing.

When used at the beginning,
AAAWWUBBIS IS A COMMA CAUSER

PATTERN

AAAWWUBBIS + Dependent Clause
(Introductory Phrase)
Cannot stand alone!

Independent Clause
(S + V)
Can stand alone!

Examples:

1. After school on Friday, I will go to the movies to see *If I Stay*.
2. Although my teacher is awesome, she makes us read and write a lot.
3. As she talked, she spit pieces of her lunch across the table.
4. When she was little, she would bite her grandma.
5. While I don't enjoy eating vegetables, I know they are good for me.
6. Because I was so hungry, I snuck a cookie in my LA class.
7. Before she could go home, she had to finish her research paper.
8. Until she learned about commas, she would eat her grandma.
9. If I want a book, I can check one out from the librarian.
10. Since she bought her phone, she claims her life is complete.