

Don't Be Uncoordinated—Coordinating Sentences!

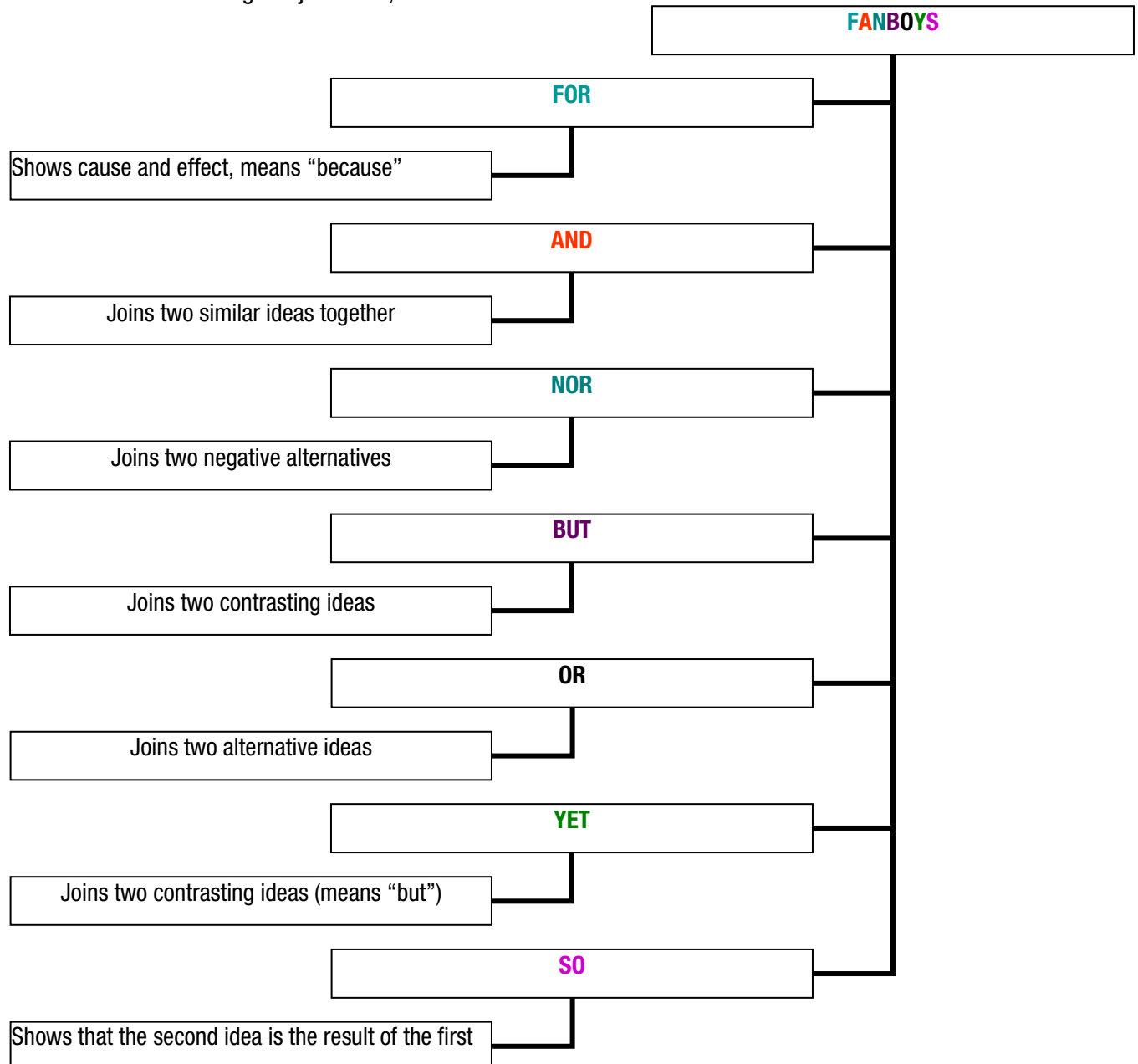
Understanding run-ons and comma splices, which are errors in coordination, will help you avoid common sentence writing mistakes.

What is Coordination?

- Coordination turns simple sentences into **compound sentences**.

To coordinate words, phrases, and clauses we use three kinds of connectors...

1. Coordinating Conjunctions, or FANBOYS:



2. Correlative Conjunctions: both-and, either-or, neither-nor, not only-but also

3. Conjunctive Adverbs: however, therefore, moreover, nevertheless, so, yet

Connecting Independent Clauses

Independent clauses can be connected in three (3) ways.

1. Connect via a **comma** and **coordinating conjunction** (*FANBOYS*).

I've decided that majoring in math was a mistake, **so** I will be changing my major to business this fall semester.

2. By a **semicolon**, by itself.

John can speak Spanish like a native; his pronunciation is flawless.

3. By a semicolon accompanied by a **conjunctive adverb** (such as *however, moreover, nevertheless, as a result, consequently, etc.*).

Our visitors this weekend were unexpected; **nevertheless** we welcomed them into our home.