SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION: Use the visual and written models below to help you craft your own sentences.

If a sentence starts with an AAAWWUBBIS, it will create a dependent clause or a phrase. A phrase or dependent clause cannot stand alone, but it can be used as an "opener."

Dependent clause opener, independent clause.

Model Sentence: Until Doug apologizes to the athletic director, he will not see the court.

1. Your Sentence:

If the dependent clause comes second in the sentence, a comma is generally not needed. In other words, if you were to take the model sentence above and flip the order, you wouldn't need to use a comma between the two clauses.

Model Sentence: Doug will not see the court until he apologizes to the athletic director.

2. Your Sentence:

FIGURE 3.8 • Sentence Construction

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