



Punctuation and Professionalism: Punctuation Affects Other Punctuation

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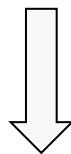
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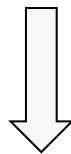
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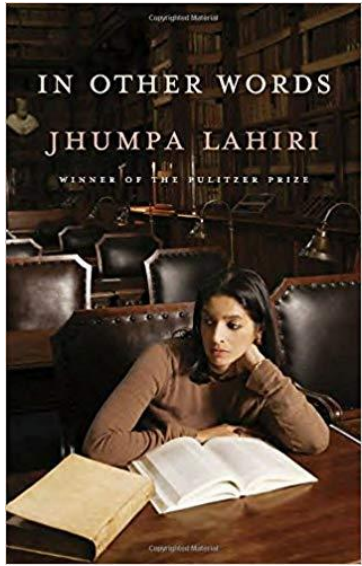
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Comma



Coordinating Conjunction



“I need someone with whom I can struggle, and fail.”

Deviation



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Reason: It’s not an independent clause.



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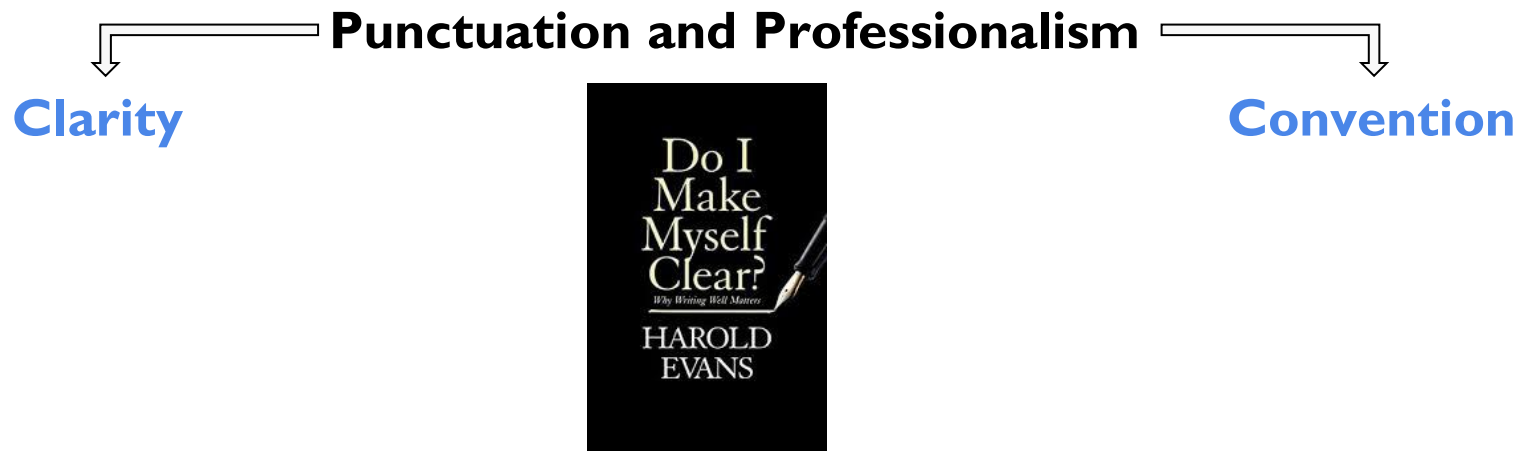
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“Punctuation affects other punctuation.”

“Conjunctions affect other conjunctions.”



“We should respect grammatical rules that make for clarity, but never be scared to reject rules that seem not to.”