as Russia and Germany. In many areas of the world, the ring is an
important part of the wedding ceremony, yet this is often not the case
in some countries. In Eastern Orthodox religions, the ring is part of the
formal engagement ceremony, but its role in the actual wedding is small.
Around the world, the wedding ring has become part of a multimillion
dollar industry. (4)

**Editing Practice 3**

Correct all errors involving commas and coordinating conjunctions in the
following paragraph using the first correction as a model. The number in
parentheses at the end of the paragraph indicates how many errors you
should find.

Liechtenstein is one of the smallest countries in the world, but was
once one of the 343 states that made up the enormous Holy Roman
Empire. In 1806, Napoleon invaded this empire, and it soon began to fall
apart. Liechtenstein was forced to become a “protectorate” of France,
but this arrangement ended a few years later. The country then became
part of the German Confederation, yet this alliance also failed to last.
In 1868, Liechtenstein declared itself independent and neutral. However,
it remained closely allied with varying countries, such as Switzerland and
the Austrian Empire. Liechtenstein might be small, and its history might
be turbulent. Nonetheless, it is now a prosperous country, and its royal
head of state is one of the richest in the world. (3)

**Applying What You Know**

Write seven sentences about your past week, but do not put periods at the
end of these sentences. Next, use each of the seven FANBOYS to connect
each of your sentences to a new thought (for example, My girlfriend cut her