



Commas

Series

- Use commas to separate items in a series.
- Example: The woman bought a pink dress, purple scarf, and crystal necklace.

Combine Sentences

- Use a comma to combine what would otherwise be two complete sentences with a coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
- Example: I raced to school, **but** I was still late to class.

Follow Introductory Words, Phrases, or Clauses

- Use a comma to follow introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
- Example: When the bell rang, the students filed into school.

Around an Appositive

- Use commas around an appositive, a noun or phrase that renames a nearby noun.
- Example: My favorite book, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, makes me laugh when I open it.

Around Words or Phrases that Interrupt or Contrast with the Main Idea

- Use commas around a word or phrase that interrupts or contrasts with the main idea.
- Example: The water, however, tasted like eggs.