

# Notes on Commas

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# Comma Rule #1

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- A comma can be used with a coordinating conjunction to separate two independent clauses in a compound sentence
- AND OR BUT NOR FOR SO YET
- I like cake, but I also like fruit.

# Comma Rule #2

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- Commas can be used to list items in a series.
- I like cheese, milk, fruit, and vegetables.

# Comma Rule #3

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- A comma can be used when addressing a person in the beginning of a sentence, OR it can be used with an introductory word or phrase.
- Mike, please close the door.
- Yes, I think you will do well on the test.

# Comma Rule #4

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- Commas can be used to separate dates.
- The test is on April 4, 2008.

# Comma Rule #5

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- Commas can be used in a complex sentence that starts with the dependent clause.
- Since we are taking good notes, we will do well on the test.

# Comma Rule #6

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- Commas can be used to separate appositives from the rest of the sentence.
- An appositive renames a noun.
  
- Our teacher, Mrs. Gannaway, loves her students.

# Comma Rule #7

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- Use commas with numbers greater than 999.
- There are 2,565 people in the gym.



# Comma Rule #8

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- Commas can be used to separate things called “interrupters.”
- The class, we think, will do very well on the test.