

Comma List

LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSROOM

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PURPOSE:

Commas have diverse uses. Students can consult the list of uses as they write, revise, and edit. Examples are included as well.

Students can keep the list for use throughout the school year and for review for standardized testing.

IDEAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

Ask students to write a sentence using each example. You can also write as a class (one group story) or in small groups.

Use the list for comma practice and general writing.

MORE PUNCTUATION ACTIVITIES:



COMMON COMMA RULES

- 1. Introductory phrase (prepositional, participial, infinitives)**
Cleaning her car, Lindsay filled a garbage bag.
Excited to see their friends, the kids jumped up and down.
To keep order, tidy your room every day.
- 2. Introductory dependent clause**
Although I have homework, I am going on a run.
After Ryan finishes his book, he'll watch some videos.
- 3. Introductory adverb and expression**
Lately, I've craved ice cream.
You know, ice cream contains calcium.
Simply put, ice cream is the best.
- 4. Coordinate adjectives**
The toddler wore raggedy, worn shoes.
I hear crunchy, loud chips.
- 5. Series**
Mom served ice cream, brownies, and whipped cream for dinner.
Eric made a list to organize himself, to plan ahead, and to include his parents.
- 6. Compound sentences (conjunctive adverbs and coordinating and correlative conjunctions)**
Scott is afraid of heights; consequently, he does not jump off the diving board.
Sarah is a quick thinker, and she enjoys playing video games.
- 7. Appositives**
Augie, my dog, likes to chew on his bone.
Terrell, my friend, loves pizza.
- 8. Nonessential clauses**
Roger, who normally carries a book, boards the bus every morning.
Caroline, whose room is next to mine, attends college classes.
- 9. Direct address and natural pauses**
I think, I mean, sure. We can go.
Wesley, please come here.
- 10. Dates and addresses**
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