



THE COMMA !!

Use a comma to separate an introductory word, phrase, or clause from the rest of a sentence.

No, I did not see him.

When playing basketball, wear suitable shoes.

Because John could type, he was hired.

The comma may be omitted if there would be little pause in speaking: *By then I will be done.*

Use commas to set off words or groups of words that interrupt the flow of thought in a sentence.

The show, I believe, has been canceled.

Betsy, however, was sure of the answer.

Some other examples of interrupters are *moreover, I suppose, I think, nevertheless, on the other hand, and to tell the truth.*

Use commas correctly. Put a comma wherever it is needed.

(Commas required in EVERY sentence.)

1. Yes the lemonade is free.
2. Before Jeff had been gone an hour he felt homesick.
3. Toads however have rougher skin.
4. Astronauts of course wear pressure suits.
5. Before you leave however you must sign this paper.
6. This coupon I'm afraid is no longer valid.
7. Nevertheless Calvin continued with his project.
8. After reading the fine print Kate refused to sign the contract.
9. While listening to the album Marty wrote the letter.
10. If the coat is on sale I will buy it.
11. Because of the thick fog the driver turned on the headlights.
12. When the field is muddy the game is somewhat slower.
13. The airport however sometimes closes when the weather is bad.
14. To be honest I don't think your idea will work.
15. This work I suppose will be acceptable to James.
16. Ever since she went to Georgia Alice has had a southern accent.
17. No that show is on tomorrow night.
18. Ms. Marshall I suppose will be the sponsor.
19. All right finish your story.
20. Skating around the corner Ron bumped into Jake.