



# Comma Rules

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 5

## Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A comma is used after an \_\_\_\_\_ word, phrase, or clause at the start of a sentence.
2. The sentence "I like soccer, basketball, and tennis" uses commas in a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In the sentence "My brother, who is ten, plays the drums," the phrase "who is ten" is an \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Use a comma before a coordinating \_\_\_\_\_ that joins two complete sentences.
5. The words For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, and So are called \_\_\_\_\_ conjunctions.
6. An appositive is a word or phrase that \_\_\_\_\_ or identifies a nearby noun.
7. In "Well, I think we should leave now," the word "Well" is an \_\_\_\_\_ element.
8. A compound sentence has two \_\_\_\_\_ clauses joined by a conjunction.
9. The Oxford comma appears before the \_\_\_\_\_ item in a list of three or more.

## Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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"We need glue, scissors,  
and tape for the project."

→ \_\_\_\_\_

Comma before  
conjunction in a  
compound sentence

"She wanted to go hiking,  
but the trail was closed."

→ \_\_\_\_\_

Commas around an  
appositive that renames a  
noun

"During the storm, the  
lights flickered on and  
off."

→ \_\_\_\_\_

Commas separating items  
in a series

"On my trip, I saw a bear, a moose,  
and a wolf."

→ \_\_\_\_\_

Comma after

## Answer Key · Comma Rules · Grade: Grade 5

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A comma is used after an introductory word, phrase, or clause at the start of a sentence.
2. The sentence "I like soccer, basketball, and tennis" uses commas in a series .
3. In the sentence "My brother, who is ten, plays the drums," the phrase "who is ten" is an appositive .
4. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction that joins two complete sentences.
5. The words For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, and So are called coordinating conjunctions.
6. An appositive is a word or phrase that renames or identifies a nearby noun.
7. In "Well, I think we should leave now," the word "Well" is an introductory element.
8. A compound sentence has two independent clauses joined by a conjunction.
9. The Oxford comma appears before the last item in a list of three or more.

### Part B: Matching

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Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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"We need glue, scissors, and tape for the project."	→ <u>Commas separating items in a series</u>	Comma before conjunction in a compound sentence
"She wanted to go hiking, but the trail was closed."	→ <u>Comma before conjunction in a compound sentence</u>	Commas around an appositive that renames a noun
"During the storm, the lights flickered on and off."	→ <u>Comma after an introductory phrase</u>	Commas separating items in a series
"Our principal, Mr. Daniels, announced	→ <u>Commas around an appositive that renames a noun</u>	Comma after an introductory phrase