

Advanced commas notes: 12/8/2020

Refer to simple commas, FANBOYS notes, and AAAWWUBBIS for the basic comma rules you should already know before studying this!!!!!! There are many more comma rules not listed. Research and update these notes!!!!

1. use a comma after introductory clauses, phrases, or words that come before the main clause (independent clause). see AAWWUBBIS flipbook notes also

2. use double commas to set off appositives and non essential clauses (extra information). If you remove the non essential clause, the sentence can still function and the meaning is not changed.

Essential clauses with the word "that" are typically essential clauses and do not have commas!

3. use commas to help readers avoid confusion

4. commas help separate statements from questions in the same sentence.

5. use commas to separate contrasting parts in a sentence

6. use commas when beginning sentences with introductory words such as: well, now, yes

7. use double commas surrounding the words ,therefore, and ,however, when they are used as interruptors

8. use commas after introductory adverbs and adverbial phrases.

Advanced commas examples:

While I was eating, the cat scratched the door. = While I was eating, the cat scratched the door.
introductory clause main clause/independent clause

I am ,as you have noticed, very nervous about this.
non essential info that is not required

I am very nervous about this. (the meaning/sentence is not changed if removed.)
I am, as you have noticed, very nervous about this.

The insect ,a cockroach, is crawling across the kitchen table.
appositive because it describes the noun/subject and is not essential to the sentence

To Steve, Lincoln was the greatest president.

I can go, can't I?

That's my money, not yours.

Yes, I do need to study my grammar flipbook.

I would, therefore, like a response. I will be happy, however, to volunteer my time.

Sadly, I was sick and couldn't go to the store.