

Comma Usage

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Using commas correctly in lists, after introductory elements, and before conjunctions — five short drills to lock in **Comma Usage**.

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1 · Rules

- Use commas to separate items in a series of three or more.
- Place a comma after an introductory word, phrase, or clause before the main clause.
- Use a comma before coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet) that join two independent clauses.

2 · Signal words

however for example in addition but and or firstly

Tip: These words often flag **Comma Usage** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Comma Usage** in each gap.

- She bought milk _____ eggs, bread, and cheese.
- After the meeting _____ we went to dinner.
- My brother _____ who lives in Canada, is visiting next week.
- He likes reading _____ writing, and drawing.
- If it rains _____ the picnic will be cancelled.
- The project was challenging _____ yet rewarding.

4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Comma Usage. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~She enjoys hiking swimming, and cycling.~~
- 2 ~~When the alarm rang everyone woke up.~~
- 3 ~~My cat a Siamese, loves to play.~~
- 4 ~~He studied hard but he failed the exam.~~
- 5 ~~The sky turned dark and the wind started to howl.~~
- 6 ~~She was late so she missed the introduction.~~

5 · Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

- 1 Which sentence uses commas correctly?
☐ (A) I need to buy milk, eggs, and bread. ☐ (B) I need to buy milk eggs, and bread.
☐ (C) I need to buy milk, eggs and, bread. ☐ (D) I need to buy milk eggs and bread.
- 2 Select the sentence that correctly uses a comma after an introductory phrase.
☐ (A) After lunch we went home. ☐ (B) After lunch, we went home. ☐ (C) After lunch we, went home.
☐ (D) After, lunch we went home.
- 3 Choose the sentence with the correct use of a comma before the conjunction 'but'.
☐ (A) She wanted to go but she was tired. ☐ (B) She wanted to go, but she was tired.
☐ (C) She wanted to go, but, she was tired. ☐ (D) She wanted to go but, she was tired.
- 4 Which sentence correctly sets off a non-essential clause with commas?
☐ (A) The book that I borrowed from the library is overdue.
☐ (B) The book, that I borrowed from the library, is overdue.
☐ (C) The book, which I borrowed from the library, is overdue.
☐ (D) The book which I borrowed, from the library, is overdue.
- 5 Identify the sentence that correctly uses a comma in a compound sentence.
☐ (A) It was raining so we stayed inside. ☐ (B) It was raining, so we stayed inside.
☐ (C) It was raining so, we stayed inside. ☐ (D) It was raining, so, we stayed inside.
- 6 Pick the sentence that correctly uses commas in a list of three items.
☐ (A) She likes cats dogs, and birds. ☐ (B) She likes cats, dogs, and birds.
☐ (C) She likes cats, dogs and, birds. ☐ (D) She likes cats dogs and birds.