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Commas are a type of punctuation mark that are used to separate words, phrases, or clauses within a sentence. Correct comma usage can help clarify the meaning of a sentence and make it easier to read. Here's a study sheet that explains when to place commas in sentences, along with examples to illustrate each rule:

1. **Use commas to separate items in a list**

**Example:** My favorite foods are pizza, burgers, and ice cream.

1. **Use commas to separate two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, yet, so)**

**Example:** I want to go to the movies, but I don't have enough money.

1. **Use commas to separate introductory phrases or clauses from the main part of the sentence**

**Example:** After the concert, we went out for pizza.

1. **Use commas to set off nonessential phrases or clauses (i.e., those that can be removed without changing the meaning of the sentence)**

**Example:** The book, which I read last week, was really good.

1. **Use commas to separate adjectives that modify the same noun**

**Example:** She wore a bright, colorful dress.

1. **Use commas to separate a city and state or country, a date and year, or a name and title**

Example: I was born in San Francisco, California on January 1, 2000.

1. **Use commas to indicate direct address (i.e., when you're speaking directly to someone)**

**Example:** Sarah, could you pass the salt please?

1. **Use commas to separate a quotation from the rest of the sentence**

**Example:** "To be or not to be," said Hamlet "that is the question."

Remember, these are general guidelines, and there may be other situations in which a comma is needed. When in doubt, consult a style guide or seek advice from a trusted source.

* **Exercise:**

**Put commas where they belong.**

1. We are having peas and carrots roast beef and cake for dinner.

2. Mr. Morton my English teacher says we have to learn how to use commas.

3. He says “Remember Bob use commas before and after you address someone directly.”

4. Kelly said “Did you do the homework Angie?”

5. The teachers at Ericson Academy work hard to teach the students.

6. Alex painted the fence white blue and green.

7. My mom who is a nurse cares for the sick injured and disabled.

8. One famous basketball player Michael Jordan won five MVP awards.

9. “Don’t go there” said Formica.

10. Robert Louis Stevenson was a Scottish writer of novels poems and essays.

11. Chicago the largest city in the Midwest is the home of the skyscraper blues and deep-dish pizza.

12. No Jackie I don’t want to go with Mark.

13. Emilio my next-door neighbor has two daughters a son and a puppy.

14. That Tuesday which also happens to be my birthday is the only day we can take the test.

15. Fred who often cheats on his homework is really only harming himself.

16. Brett Favre the quarter back for the team is having a bad week.