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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 Stevensonwas 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.