

Writing and Humanities Tutoring Center



Comma Rules

- In a list of 3 or more items.
 - **Example:** He eats apples, oranges, and bananas.
- After transition words at the beginning of a sentence.
 - **Example:** Furthermore, there is no evidence to suggest fraud.
- Subordinate Conjunction at the beginning of a sentence.
 - **Example:** When she laughed, he cried.
- In front of FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) when joining two independent clauses.
 - **Example:** She likes pizza, but he likes tacos.
- On each side of an interruption (when a word or a phrase breaks into the main thought).
 - **Example:** Jane, a vegetarian, chose the impossible burger.
- Before both the beginning quotation mark and the ending one.
 - **Example:** He said, "Hi," and then, "Bye."
- For dates and numbers over 999.
 - **Example:** 1,000 / May 1, 2022