

# General Rules of Commas Notes

## Coordinating Adjectives

- The bright red car was speeding past.
- The jolly, funny man is coming to town.

Do use a comma:	Don't use a comma:
when you can add "and" between the words <u>or</u> reverse the words	when you cannot add "and" or reverse adjs.

## Appositives

- Joe, the athlete, is always shooting hoops.
- The performer, Jane, won first place.
- Don't forget to include Mr. Block, the bus driver.

DO use a comma...	<del>Don't use a comma...</del>
surrounding the appositive	always

## Prepositional Phrases

- The dog ran over the house.
- The dog ran over the house last Thursday.
- On Thursday, the dog ran over the house.

DO use a comma...	Don't use a comma...
When PP starts the sentence	When PP is @ the middle or end

## Compound Sentences and FANBOYS

- The dog ran over the woods, and it fell in a ditch.
- Emily is the best student ever, and she always does her homework.
- Jack kicked the wall and broke his foot.
- You are going to be late but won't miss it.

DO use a comma...	Don't use a comma...
Between the 2 ICs before the FANBOYS	If there are not 2 ICs

## Complex Sentences

- When I was a young girl, I learned to ride a bike.
- If I am going to be late, I might as well get a coffee.
- You are the best because you brought me Sour Patch Kids.
- Don't forget to come to the concert before you leave for vacation.
- The dog, which got lost in the storm, was recovered.
- The house, where I grew up, is my favorite memory from childhood.

DO use a comma...	Don't use a comma...
when the DC comes first  when the DC is in the middle of the IC (both spots)	If DC comes second (after IC)

## Compound/Complex Sentences

- If I was going to the game, I said I would dress warm, but he didn't listen.
- He was going to the game, so he turned left when he saw the light change.

DO use a comma...	Don't use a comma...
<p>- Before FANBOYS</p> <p>- If DC comes before IC</p>	<p>- If IC comes before DC</p>

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### -ING Phrases

- Running through the house, I lost my shoe.
- Calculating my grade, I got nervous.
- She smiled for the camera, striking a pose.
- Oliver jumped high, reaching the sky.

DO use a comma...	Don't use a comma...
<p>to separate the ING phrase from the IC</p>	<p>always</p>

## Creating a list

- Rafi likes singing, laughing, puppies, and long walks on the beach.
- Trey plays baseball, basketball, and football.
- Ms. Isaacs is tired and hungry.
- Mr. Hartley likes the Wildcats and Centre College.

DO use a comma...	Don't use a comma...
when listing 2 or more things/ideas	If only 2

