



Comma Coordination



Recall how to use commas when tying together independent and dependent clauses.

Commas

Commas are used to separate ideas, either a dependent clause from an independent clause or a dependent clause from another dependent clause.

- ✗ The Queen an otherwise righteous and clever ruler has put together her court but they are mostly a bunch of fools and clowns.
- ✓ The Queen, an otherwise righteous and clever ruler, has put together her court, but they are mostly a bunch of fools and clowns.

- Remember : if you open with a comma, you must close with a comma.
- Commas *cannot be used to separate independent clauses/sentences*.

- ✗ The Queen was prepared to lead her armies, she rallied them as she rode down the field.
- ✓ The Queen was prepared to lead her armies. She rallied them as she rode down the field.
- ✓ The Queen was prepared to lead her armies, and she rallied them as she rode down the field.

Add commas in the correct places in the following sentences, or cross them out when unneeded:

1. My best friend who lives in Canada is coming to visit today.
2. I like to eat toast, jam eggs and bacon, for breakfast.
3. Despite the lateness of the hour there was a knock at the door.
4. Whenever I fly, I like to drink ginger ale.
5. Vaughn, the, late night security guard waved goodbye as we left.
6. Hortensia knew people thought her name was ridiculous but she didn't care.
7. The man wore black the woman wore white and neither of them was happy to be here.
8. Hooray, the star ballerina, of the concert ballet, is here!
9. This is so sad. Alexa, play "You Are My Sunshine."
10. Vlad had begged for help but, despite his pleas no assistance was coming.



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