

Lesson 57: Comma Rules

Language Arts 6

Refresh yourself on comma rules by correcting each sentence according to the rule that precedes it.

Rule #1 Use a comma to separate things in a series or list.

I used to ride bikes skip rope run races and roll in the grass.

Rule #2 Use a comma before a conjunction (and, or, but, so) when they separate independent clauses.

Now I cook and clean and my kids do all those things.

Rule #3 Use a comma to separate introductory words in a sentence.

When I was young I thought being old would be fun.

Rule #4 Use a comma to set apart appositives and other unnecessary information.

Now that I'm old as if thirty-seven is old I think I was right.

Rule #5 Use a comma to separate adjectives if you could say "and" in between them.

I have a bunch of fun energetic creative kids.

Rule #6 Use a comma to separate quotes from speech tags.

"It's tomorrow" my son says in the mornings.

Rule #7 Use a comma to set apart phrases that express contrast.

We try and explain that it's today not tomorrow.

Rule #8 Use a comma to avoid confusion.

He'll jump up and say, "Let's eat Mom!"

Rule # 9 Use a comma between city and state, date and year.

We haven't lived near Philadelphia Pennsylvania since May 31 2002.

Rule #10 Never use only one comma between a subject and its verb.

Riding a bike is something you never forget how to do.