

Punctuation: The Comma

Purpose: Commas _____ information by _____, _____, or _____. They are used to _____ into groups, _____ it so a sentence is understood _____.


The Comma and Introductions

<p>This is an introductory clause.</p> <p>When Lisa visited the garden, she saw a flower.</p> <p>A comma is placed after the introductory clause.</p> <p>The main information comes after the comma.</p>
<p>This is an introductory phrase.</p> <p>Once upon a time, there was a garden.</p> <p>A comma is placed after the introductory phrase, before the main information is revealed.</p> <p>The main information follows the comma.</p>


Write two sentences that use the Comma in an introduction.

The Comma and Working In Pairs

A flower, like a sock, can be striped.



A flower like a sock can be striped.



How does the comma change the meaning of the two examples above?

The Comma and Direct Speech

Grandma asked, "Can we find more of these flowers?"



"The flowers," Lisa said, "are always in bloom in May."



The Comma and Direct Address

Let's eat Grandma.



Let's eat, Grandma.



How does the comma affect the two examples above?

Create two sentences that could also give an entirely different meaning depending on the placement of the comma.

1) _____

2) _____