

# ALL ABOUT COMMAS



## Correct usage of commas

- ✓ **1** Anyway, the party was a success in the end.
- ✗ **2** My friend had been planning her wedding for a year; however, when corona took over the world, she had to postpone it.
- ✓ **3** Grace was a baker. Therefore, everyone loved her food.

## Incorrect usage of commas e.g.

- ✗ **1** Anyway the party, was a success, in the end.
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## Chief function of commas:

*"Commas are separators"*

### Comma Rules:

1. "Use commas to separate independent clauses when they are joined by any of these seven coordinating conjunctions: and, but, for, or, nor, so, yet."
2. "Use commas after introductory a) clauses, b) phrases, or c) words that come before the main clause."
3. "Use a pair of commas in the middle of a sentence to set off clauses, phrases, and words that are not essential to the meaning of the sentence. Use one comma before to indicate the beginning of the pause and one at the end to indicate the end of the pause" (Purdue University).

### Types of commas



listing comma      joining comma      gapping comma  
bracketing comma

Take time to make sure your comma usage is correct!

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Purdue University. "Extended Rules for Using Commas." *Purdue Online Writing Lab*, 2020. owl.purdue.edu/owl/general\_writing/punctuation/commas/extended\_rules\_for\_commas.html#:~:text=%20Extended%20Rules%20for%20Using%20Commas%20%201,set%20off%20clauses%2C%20phrases%2C%20and%20words...%20More%20.

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