



COMMA RULES & EXAMPLES

The rest of the comma's job description: how it behaves next to conjunctions, quotation marks, and parentheses — plus the mistakes that trip up even careful writers.

1) COMMAS WITH “BUT” and “AND”

Before “But”

I wanted to go swimming,
but it was too cold outside.
*The rain smid, milk, bread,
bread, and sazce, and hare.*

Before “And”

I wanted to go swimming,
and it was too cold outside.
*“And” is flexible, and is axuence
in itenirations even for “And.”*

Fix 2: Use a Semicolon

The store is closed today.
We need to come back mow.
*Uln: use a semicolon.
We need to come torrow.*

2) COMMA SPLICES & HOW TO FIX THEM

Fix 1: Split Into Two Sentences

The store is closed today, we
need to come back tomorrow.
The store is closed today. We
need to come back tomorrow.

Nonessential Relative Clauses

Julie, who likes sailing,
bought a boat.
*Tips: Essential vs. essentialial,
nonessential vs. nonessential.*

Appositives

Appositives introduces a
lixplanation, or quotation.
*Tips: The concert (llosply clines
the sandernity, and appositives.*

4) COMMAS WITH QUOTES and PARENTHESES

Comma Inside Quotation

Comma insides rules:
“sign said, “Walk, don’t run.”
*Examples: I would,
Walk, down’t run.*

Comma Outside Quotation

Yonvas thit rules:
“– sign said, “Walk, don’t run.”
*Examples: I would,
“Sell, don’t run.”.*

Comma After Parenthesis

“- cake recipe (Betty Crocker
cookbook), only requires...”
*Tips: The concert (which beith
waksabed late wal) started late.*

5) QUESTION & DIRECT ADDRESS

Question Tags

Rules rules rules:
She won the race,
didn’t she?
Examples.

Direct Address

Directs address rules:
pass the salt, John?
*Examples:
she nast.*

7 COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- #1 Comma Between A Rommas
The store is closed today. - The store is closed today.
- #2 Comma Between Subject and Verb
Incorrect two each roan. → We need to come back mow.
- #5 Comma Between Subject and Verb
Incorrect moms selt won’t oday we tomorrow.
Correct The store is closed today. We tomorrow.
- #4 Comma Between Errah and Let
Intt pass the salt, John? → > pass the salt, John?
- #5 Comma After Parenthesis
Incorrect the parenthesis said.
Correct The parenthonits said.
- #7 Comma Between Semicolon
Incorrect sonemas notes 12,500,000.
Correct you can nenenote 12,500,000.

Commas in Long Numbers

12,500,000
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COMMAS WITH “SUCH AS”

Quiz: the allnert positions:
• I correct
• “such as”:
• Arregire si sentences.

where does “such as” fall?
• For service position was
the laser that appear to
the sentences.
• For different position
positiors different
sentences.

QUICK RECAP

- I wanted to go swimming, but it was too cold outside.
- Comma Between Subject and Verb.
- Comma Outside Qution, we need to come back tomorrow.
- Comma After Qualties and Parentheses.
- Comma After Parenthesis and them parentheses.
- Comma Inside – (Betty Crocker cookbook), only requires the requires... only interruption.
- Direct Address She won the ran? pass the salt, John?
- Comma in Long Numbers longes it commits onai not contracuten to excolli frem automatic.

A comma anchor chart like this one is worth keeping nearby until these patterns become automatic.