

# Comma Rules

1. use commas between items in a series
2. use commas in numbers
3. use commas in letters (the greeting and closing)
4. use a comma between the day and the year
5. use a comma between a city and a state
6. use a comma in compound sentences
7. use a comma after an introductory word, interruptions and interjections
8. use commas to set off a speaker's words
9. use a comma after an introductory phrase or clause
10. use commas to set off appositives (a word or phrase that renames or explains a noun)
11. use commas to set off explanatory phrases (that add information)

**Add commas in the sentence below. On the line, write the rule number:**

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will bring your fishing pole again!

Love

Mike

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## Comma Worksheet Answers:

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