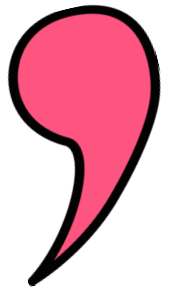


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# COMMAS

## For Clauses



### What Are We Learning Today?

We are learning how to use commas to separate clauses in a sentence.

### How Will I Be Successful?

1. I can correctly use a comma to separate independent clauses in a sentence.
2. I can correctly use a comma after an introductory clause in a sentence.
3. I can use a comma to separate a non-essential clause in a sentence.

### What Are Clauses?

A clause is the part of a sentence that contains a verb.

**Independent clause** - Can stand alone as a sentence, for example, "I love reading, but I don't like writing".

**Introductory clause** - A clause that sets the scene for the rest of the sentence. "If you are sick, you should see a doctor."

**Non-essential clause** - An extra bit of information that adds to the sentence but is not needed for the sentence to make sense. The girl, who had been dancing all night, decided to have a rest.

### How Do We Separate Clauses?

We use commas to separate clauses by placing them in between the two clauses.

To separate two independent clauses, we place a comma at the end of the first clause, followed by a conjunction, before adding the second independent clause.

### Examples

**Two independent clauses** You can cook dinner with me, or you can go shopping with Jess.

**Introductory clause** While I was distracted, the cat stole my blanket.

**Non-essential clause** The kids, who were covered in mud, had to go home for a bath.

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### Activities

Complete each of the activities below in your book.

**Level 1** - Write definitions for the following clauses in your book.

Independent Clause

Introductory Clause

Non-essential Clause

**Level 2** - Write the sentences below into your book and place commas to separate the two independent clauses.

- a) It was my sister's birthday last weekend so I took her out for dinner.
- b) On Monday we will visit your parents and on Tuesday we will visit my cousin.
- c) It is cold outside and I can't find my coat anywhere.

**Level 3** - Write the sentences below into your book and place commas where needed to separate the introductory clause from the independent clause.

- a) When the rain stops we will be able to go out for a walk.
- b) Once I finish eating I will do my homework.
- c) Before it gets too hot we will go for a walk.



**Level 4** - Write the sentences below into your book and place commas where needed to show the non-essential clause.

- a) The child who was wearing his new runners won the race.
- b) My mum who is the best cook ever made an amazing cake for my birthday.
- c) The stadium which is old and plain needs to be renovated.

### Level 5

Write three sentences. Each sentence must have two independent clauses joined together with a conjunction and a comma.

Write three sentences. Each sentence must have an introductory clause joined to an independent clause with a comma.

Write three sentences. Each sentence must have a non-essential clause. Remember to place commas at the beginning and the end of the clause.

### Activities

Complete each of the activities below in your book.

**Level 1** - Write definitions for the following clauses in your book.

**Independent Clause** - A clause that can stand alone and makes sense on its own.

**Introductory Clause** - A clause that sets the scene for the rest of the sentence.

**Non-essential Clause** - An extra bit of information that adds to the sentence but is not needed for the sentence to make sense.

**Level 2** - Write the sentences below into your book and place commas to separate the two independent clauses.

- a)** It was my sister's birthday last weekend, so I took her out for dinner.
- b)** On Monday we will visit your parents, and on Tuesday we will visit my cousin.
- c)** It is cold outside, and I can't find my coat anywhere.

**Level 3** - Write the sentences below into your book and place commas where needed to separate the introductory clause from the independent clause.

- a)** When the rain stops, we will be able to go out for a walk.
- b)** Once I finish eating, I will do my homework.
- c)** Before it gets too hot, we will go for a walk.

**Level 4** - Write the sentences below into your book and place commas where needed to show the non-essential clause.

- a)** The child, who was wearing his new runners, won the race.
- b)** My mum, who is the best cook ever, made an amazing cake for my birthday.
- c)** The stadium, which is old and plain, needs to be renovated.

**Level 5**

Answers will vary.

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