

Using Commas



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Rule of the day

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before words like "and" and "but" when they join two **sentences**

I love cake, but I hate chocolate. ✓

sentence

sentence

I love cake, but hate chocolate. ✗

sentence

not a sentence



The second one is wrong because "hate chocolate" isn't a sentence.

https://www.grammar-monster.com/punctuation/using_commas.htm

Rule 1. Use commas to separate words and word groups in a simple series of three or more items.

Example: My estate goes to my husband, son, daughter-in-law, and nephew.

Rule 2. Use a comma to separate adjectives in noun groups

Example: He is a strong, healthy man.

Rule 3 In sentences where two independent clauses are joined by connectors such as *and*, *or*, *but*, etc., put a comma at the end of the first clause.

Incorrect: He walked all the way home and he shut the door.

Correct: He walked all the way home, and he shut the door.

Some writers omit the comma if the clauses are both quite short:

Example: I paint and he writes.

Rule 4. In complex sentences when the dependent clause comes first.

Example: Before he went to the beach, he grabbed a towel.

Rule 5. Use commas to set off expressions that interrupt the sentence flow (nevertheless, after all, by the way, on the other hand, however, etc.).

He was a great athlete, however, he was a poor sportsman.

I am, by the way, very nervous about this.

Rule 6. Before an apposition or when you add an extra word, phrase or clause to give extra information

Example: My youngest sister, Sally, is an excellent story teller.

John went to the shop, at the end of the street.

Rule 7. After setting the scene

Scene setting words will be a **time**, **place** or **reason**

Example: After 8 o'clock, the electricity will cut out.

The toilets are unusable, enter at your own risk.

Re-write with correct punctuation **Name**

1/ in addition to being endangered it is important to protect bees because they pollinate flowers and are important for food production

2/ although there have been more shark sightings there have been no attacks

3/ because sharks are not territorial they only visit banana bay in winter this is a time when beaches are usually quiet

4/ even though some people want the sharks located there are many who feel they should be left alone because the ocean is the sharks natural habitat

5/ sharks are apex predators and will attack humans however statistics show that the chance of being attacked is very rare

6/ while shark attacks are very rare it is important to keep our waters safe as a result the sharks should be relocated

7/ along with keeping the food chains in our oceans balanced sharks are not as threatening as some suggest and they are not suited for life in an aquarium

8/ some residents want the sharks relocated because the shark show at ocean world is important for tourism however the majority of residents believe they should be left alone