

Commas

RULES

A comma is used to show a pause in your writing.

Hello, and welcome to the Grand Canyon!

A comma sets off a **person's name** when the person is being directly spoken to.

Dad, have you ever seen a rattlesnake?

A comma is used to set off a **word that introduces a sentence**, such as yes, no, and well.

No, but I heard one under my cabin one night.

You may need to use a comma before a name, after a name, or both before and after.

Have you ever been to the desert, **Dad**?

I wonder, **Dad**, if there are rattlesnakes here.

Guided Practice

Name the place where a comma is needed in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Well it certainly is hot. Well, it certainly is hot.

1. Look at all the sagebrush Mom!

2. Yes the Arizona desert is filled with plant life.

3. Josh did you see the tall cactus?

4. No I was too busy looking at the wide open sky.

5. Thank you Liz for showing me the desert.

More Practice

A. Write each sentence. Use commas where they are needed.

6. Jack let's go camping in the desert.

7. Well it might be cold at night.

8. Maybe we will see coyotes Dad.

9. Have you Christy ever seen a scorpion?

10. No but I have seen plenty of snakes!

B. Write each sentence. Use commas where they are needed.

11. Mom do you think it ever snows in Arizona?

12. Yes it snows in Flagstaff during the winter.

13., Look Jack we are coming to a Navajo community.

14. Would you like to learn rug weaving Lynn?

15. Well I would rather learn to make a basket.
