

# 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!

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

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3. Josh did you see the tall cactus?

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

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5. Thank you Liz for showing me the desert.

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## More Practice

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

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

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7. Well it might be cold at night.

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8. Maybe we will see coyotes Dad.

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9. Have you Christy ever seen a scorpion?

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10. No but I have seen plenty of snakes!

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

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

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12. Yes it snows in Flagstaff during the winter.

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

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14. Would you like to learn rug weaving Lynn?

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

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