

Comma and Sentence Reminders for Revision

1. Read all your writing **out-loud** to find incomplete sentences and missing punctuation.
2. **Commas** come after transition words at the beginning of a sentence like: **First of all, Next, Also, Later, Finally,**. Commas are used when listing a series of people, items, actions.

A complete sentence needs a:

Subject (Person, place, thing)

Verb (action) and Predicate (what goes with that action/idea expressed)

Example:

1. Mr. B just chills and spins records on the weekend. This is a sentence. Mr. B is the subject. Spinning records the verb.

Is this a sentence?

2. Playing air guitar. No it is Missing the subject.

or Also what he does in his free time. No it is Missing the verb/action.

Commas are not the glue that automatically joins complete sentence ideas together either.

For : Connects a solution with a problem.

And : Connects two ideas that go together.

Nor : The negative form of or.

But: Connects two ideas that go against each other.

Or: Connects two choices.

Yet: Connects two ideas that go against each other.

So: Connects a problem with a result.

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; goes in front of

these inside a sentence, when combining complete thoughts.

Example

My hamster loved to play, so I gave him a hula hoop.

AAAWWUBBIS

After

Although/Though

As

When/Whenever

While

Until

Before

Because

If

Since

If a sentence starts with AAWWUBBIS, you will probably need a comma somewhere in the sentence

Examples

As my mentor, he gets to control the flow of gifts from the sponsors.

-Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games* (2008)

If you were gullible enough to believe everything that Stan Tuney told

you, you might be inclined to think that he was Superman.

-Herb Curtis *The Lone Angler* (1997)