

COMMA(,) USE

COMMAS ARE USED:	EXAMPLES
Before conjunctions (and, for, but, or, now, so, yet) to connect two phrases.	<i>He got out of school early, so he took a nap.</i>
After relatively lengthy introductory phrases or dependent (subordinate) clauses.	<i>After she learned the rules for using commas, her grades improved.</i>
To separate items in a series.	<i>Patrick mentioned that he had eaten Roast Beef, some chicken, and a pizza for lunch that day.</i>
Before and after non-essential elements.	<i>East Elementary, the smallest school in town, enrolls only 160 students.</i>
Between coordinate adjectives that modify the same noun.	<i>By the end of the game, the field was a slippery, wet mess.</i>
Before a direct quotation	<i>He screamed, "Get me out of here!"</i>
Before interrupters like however and nevertheless	<i>Adam did not like math. He was, however, very successful in his math classes.</i>

PRACTICE EXERCISES

Complete the sentences below by correctly inserting colons

1. We saw a very happy lively puppy at the park today.
2. Oil which is lighter than water floats to the surface.
3. The figure skater moved gracefully artfully and beautifully across the rink.
4. He had spent all day with his friends and family but he still felt lonely.

Answers

1. happy, lively 2. ,which is lighter than water, 3. ,gracefully, artfully, and beautifully 4. family, but