



# Comma Rules

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Grade: Grade 5

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- C) To connect two complete thoughts together.
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3. Read: "My friend who lives next door came over." vs. "My friend, who lives next door, came over." What is the difference?

- A) The first sentence is incorrect and needs commas.
- B) The commas in the second sentence show the writer has only one friend and the detail is extra.
- C) The second sentence is a compound sentence.
- D) There is no difference in meaning between the two sentences.

4. Which comma rule explains why a comma is needed in "However, the game was canceled"?

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- C) Comma after an introductory word or transition.
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1. Commas help readers read sentences correctly by showing where to pause.
2. Without commas in a list, a reader might group the wrong items together.
3. A comma after an introductory element tells the reader where the main idea begins.