

# Using the Comma



*Did you know that the comma is one of the most frequently used punctuation marks?*

**The comma will put a pause in your sentence:**

*If you would finish eating your lunch, we could play outside.*

**The comma separates a list of items:**

*I like to play with Jan, Jill, Joe and Brad.*

**When using quotations either at the beginning or the end:**

*Joe said, "Are you coming to the movie later?"  
"Come to the movies," said Joe.*

**The comma allows you to combine 2 ideas into a single sentence.  
(Subordinate/Dependent Clause)**

*While I finished my homework, my friend played the piano.*

**Use a comma after introductory words or phrases.**

*Well, you finally finished your homework.*

**Use a comma to show the relation between a word and a noun phrase that follows. (Apposition)**

*My teacher, Mr. Clark, is a great singer!*