

# COMMA REVIEW

WHEN TO USE A COMMA

## RULE #1

- When separating a city and state. (*Notice: **A** in separate, not E*)
- I live in Powder Springs, Georgia.

## RULE #2

- When writing the date
  - Today is December 12, 2019.

## RULE #3

- When separating words or phrases that are unnecessary.

*( Notice: **A** in sep**a**rate, not **E** )*

- My sister, **Kori**, loves bacon.
- Her husband, **on the other hand**, is a vegetarian.

## RULE #4

- When addressing someone in particular
- **Mom**, can I have \$20? *(Notice: The dollar sign goes BEFORE the amount)*
- I believe, **Mr. Professor**, that the answer to number 12 is either cheeseburger or T-Rex.

## RULE #5

# • When making a list

*(NOTICE: The last comma should go before the conjunction, not after.)*

- My favorite things to do on a rainy day are **reading,**  
**napping,** and snuggling with my dog.
- I went to the store to buy **milk,** **bread,** **eggs,** and cheese.

## RULE #6

- After an introductory phrase
- Today, we will be learning about commas. (Yippee!)
- After months and months of practice and preparation, Jackson was finally ready for this first gig.

## RULE #7

- When using more than one adjective to modify a noun

*(NOTICE: No comma between the last adjective and the noun.)*

- Monday was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.



# BEFORE WE GET TO RULE #8, LET'S REVIEW:

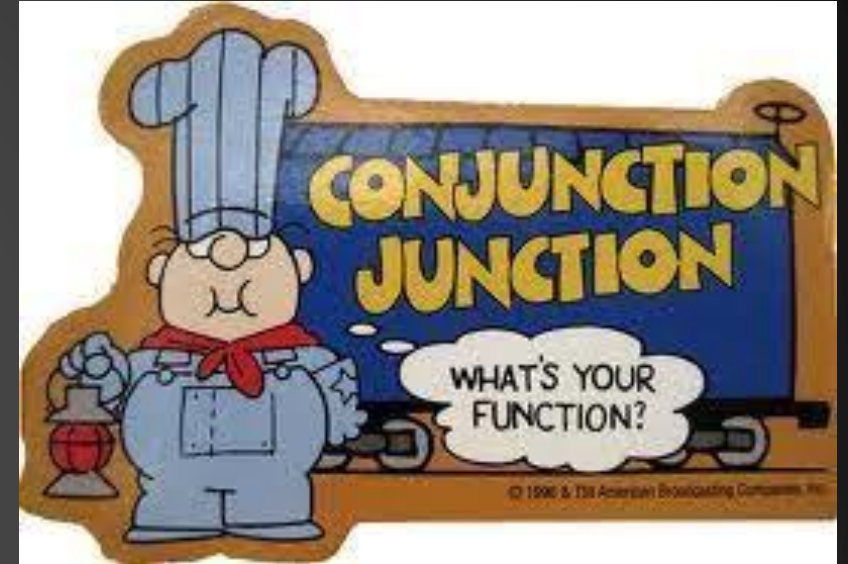
What is a conjunction?

Words used as “connectors”

Most common examples:

AND BUT IF NOR

FOR OR YET SO



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What is an independent clause?

Groups of words with a subject, a verb, and a complete thought =

***COMPLETE SENTENCE***

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What is a dependent clause?

Group of words with a **subject**, a **verb**, but **no complete thought**.

*In other words, a **sentence fragment**.*

## RULE #8

- When linking two independent clauses with a conjunction, use a comma.

*(See what I did there 😊)*

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- Correct as is; No comma needed