



Commas

Commas are a reader's best friend—though not always the writer's. By creating pauses in the text, commas nudge writing to resemble the spoken language, and increase clarity for the reader.



Intros & Transitions

Once upon a time, a magical writing center opened to help mythical creatures improve their writing.

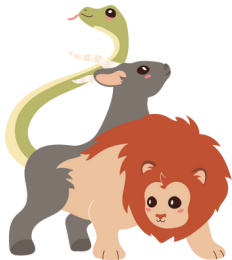
Commas follow introductory clauses and transition words to show where, when, or how the action of the sentence occurred.



Conjunctions

A centaur wanted to write a poem, **but** he struggled to find the right words.

Commas connect independent clauses with a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)



Lists and Series

The **roars, bleats, and hisses** in a chimera's paper made for confusing shifts in tone.

Commas separate items in a list or series to add clarity to the sentence.



Parenthetical

The griffon, **overwhelmed by writer's block**, visited the writing center to get started.

Commas can act like parenthesis to enclose phrases adding non-crucial details.