

# Advanced Comma Review



**Commas indicate pauses or breaks in a sentence. Use commas to do the following:**

**Set off nonrestrictive elements.**

Trey's grandmother, who happens to be a world-class poet, teaches English classes at the community college.

**Separate the name of a person being spoken to in a direct address.**

Thank you, Mrs. Dawson, for your excellent presentation on tips for analyzing poetry.

**Separate coordinate adjectives.**

Her exceptional, well-regarded book of poems won a Nobel Prize in Literature.

**Separate two independent clauses connected by a coordinating conjunction.**

Students can complete their poetry analysis during study hall, or they can choose to do it at home.

**Set off interjections and asides.**

Oh my, that was quite a surprising turn of events!

It was hard to hear, given the constant chatter around me, why Trey's grandmother stopped writing.

**Place the missing commas in the sentences. Then, indicate their functions using the abbreviations below.**

**NE** = nonrestrictive element      **CA** = coordinate adjectives      **IA** = interjection/aside  
**DA** = direct address      **IC** = independent clauses

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| <p>1. My goodness, what is this amazing new piece of dog furniture? It looks as though it was built for royalty. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">IA</span></p>                            | <p>6. Our pampered dog, who enjoys the finer things in life, appears satisfied with his new designer bed. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">NE</span></p>  |
| <p>2. How are we going to meet up with them for dinner, Dad, if they're going ziplining today? <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">DA</span></p>  | <p>7. They are going on the half-day excursion, so they'll be back in time for dinner. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">IC</span></p>   |
| <p>3. Frida Kahlo, who was married to the famous muralist Diego Rivera, is considered one of Mexico's greatest artists. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">NE</span></p>                     | <p>8. Kahlo is best known for her colorful, surrealist self-portraits that reveal her psychological struggles with difficult events in her own life. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">CA</span></p>     |
| <p>4. I do not understand, Adelaide, how you can follow the intricate plot twists in these mystery novels. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">DA</span></p>                                  | <p>9. My enjoyment of these novels is comparable, don't you think, to your own affinity for television soap operas. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">IA</span></p>                                      |
| <p>5. The swift, frigid current that circles Antarctica marks the boundaries of what is officially known in the U.S. as the Southern Ocean. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">CA</span></p> | <p>10. The uniqueness of the Southern Ocean had long been acknowledged by scientists, but cartographers did not officially add it to the map until 2021. <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #00A88F; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; color: #00A88F;">IC</span></p> |