

Commas With Coordinate Adjectives #2

Coordinate adjectives are two or more adjectives that modify the same noun in a sentence and hold equal weight. Each set of coordinate adjectives in a sentence should be separated by a comma.

Taylor watched the **brilliant, colorful** sunset from the coziness of her **quiet, secluded** log cabin.

One way to tell if a sentence contains coordinate adjectives is to swap the order of the adjectives. Another way to tell is by adding the word *and* between the adjectives. If the sentence still sounds natural when you do both of these things, then the sentence contains coordinate adjectives, and you will need to include a comma.

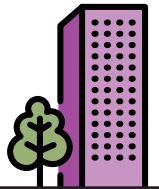
✓ Taylor watched the **brilliant, colorful** sunset from the coziness of her **quiet, secluded** log cabin.

✓ Taylor watched the **brilliant and colorful** sunset from the coziness of her **quiet and secluded** log cabin.

If the adjectives do not sound correct with those two tricks, the adjectives are not coordinate adjectives, and they do not need a comma.

✓ She was utterly amazed as she peered out the window at the **busy city** streets below her.

✗ She was utterly amazed as she peered out the window at the **busy and city** streets below her.



Read each sentence, and add a comma between any coordinate adjectives.

1. The commencement speaker at the local community college is a notable, distinguished poet known for her powerful, enchanting compositions.
2. Contemporary impressionist painter Leonid Afremov utilized tools like a palette knife, wide brush, and oil paint to create joyful, radiant scenes with exciting bursts of bright, vivid color on canvas.
3. Building a sturdy, attractive bird feeder and offering sunflower seeds will invite a variety of birds, such as cardinals, grosbeaks, and jays.
4. Once Salma decides on a name for her unique jewelry company, she'll need to design a simple, user-friendly website that allows customers to view available styles and place orders.
5. The small number of remaining wild water buffalo, also called Asian buffalo, spend much of their day in cool, muddy waters to assist in thermoregulation.
6. My camp counselor Jarrad gave me some tape to hang my small, worn-out pictures of my family on the side of my bunk to provide comfort during lonely, homesick moments when I couldn't call home.
7. The witty, entertaining opening monologue at the awards show last night featured a string of one-liners followed by an impressive, elaborate musical performance.
8. Burj Khalifa is the most popular tourist attraction in Dubai and is visited annually by almost two million eager, awe-struck travelers.
9. Mrs. Escalante assigned an intensive, lengthy project in which students were asked to identify wildflowers in the community and then press the flowers on plain printer paper.
10. We hired a talented, creative photographer who took breath-taking portraits on the pier during our family's summer beach vacation.