

Commas With Coordinate Adjectives

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

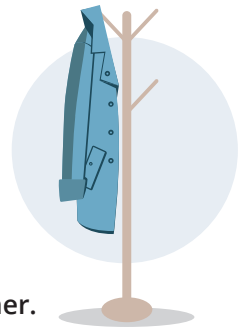
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One way to tell if a sentence contains coordinate adjectives is to swap the order of the adjectives. Another way to tell is by adding the word **and** between the adjectives. If the sentence still sounds natural when you do both of these things, then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

- ✓ Naomi shrugged off her coat as she entered the **cozy, warm** cottage.
- ✓ Naomi shrugged off her coat as she entered the **warm and cozy** cottage.

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 sighed with relief as she imagined the **relaxing winter** vacation ahead of her.
- ✗ She sighed with relief as she imagined the **relaxing and winter** vacation ahead of her.



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

1. The lush, rolling hills of the Scottish Highlands have inspired poets and musicians for generations.
2. After bathing the horse, Diya gently pulled the brush through the horse's dark, silky mane.
3. Beaming with pride, KeVon presented a growth of green, fuzzy mold to the science fair judges.
4. My mom begged to get a picture of me in the oversized, itchy sweater that my grandma made for me.
5. The light, fluffy snow drifted peacefully from the sky, covering the ground in a serene blanket of white.
6. David's favorite part of the colorful fruit salad was the ripe, juicy pineapple because it reminded him of his time in Costa Rica.
7. Harvest festivals are lively, joyous occasions that allow local communities to celebrate the rewards of a successful growing season.
8. Xavier pulled his wool coat closer against the frigid winter wind as he navigated the bustling, crowded sidewalks through the city.
9. Hazel and Keely enjoyed a delicious, flavorful dinner at the new Thai restaurant on Friday night.
10. Do you ever daydream of exploring vibrant European cities or relaxing on peaceful, sun-drenched beaches?
11. Amaya nearly jumped out of her skin when her brother emerged suddenly from the damp, dreary basement of their aunt's old Victorian house.
12. As Charlie wandered through the aquarium's vast, quiet hallways, he was fascinated by the unique tropical fish he saw drifting through the tanks.