

Commas in Letters

With Punctuation Pig

Hi! I'm Punctuation Pig! Let's learn about **commas** together! The comma is a *punctuation mark*. It looks just like an apostrophe, but it is placed at the base of a word. You use a comma when you want to signal a pause in a sentence.

Here is an example:

My mother, Pamela Pig, likes to plant flowers.



Commas also play a special role when you are writing letters. Take a look at the letter below to see where to place the commas. Circle all of the commas that you see.

August 14, 2020

Dear Amber,

I had so much fun going for ice cream with you yesterday. It was hard to decide which flavor to get because there were so many. Fortunately, you were there to help me pick.

My mango sherbet was delicious! I can't wait to see you again soon.

Your friend,

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Circle the words that have a comma placed after them in the letter.

- The comma in the date comes after the... month day
- The comma in the greeting comes after... Dear Amber
- The comma in the closing comes after... friend Your



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A comma is also always used after the name in the greeting and after the salutation in the closing. Remember, commas are used to signal the pauses in a sentence too.



Read the letter below and cross out the commas that are in the wrong place. In addition, be sure to write in the commas that are missing!

February, 27 2013

Dear, Grandma

I had so much fun, visiting you last weekend. The sandcastle we made at the beach was amazing. Good thing we took a picture for proof! Also I'm so grateful, that we had such beautiful weather for our picnic. My favorite part was eating your chocolate cream pie for dessert! I learned a lot of interesting new facts at the museum. The dinosaur exhibit was wonderful. Thanks to you I finally got a chance to see a Parasaurolophus skeleton in real life! I'm sure we'll have another great adventure, the next time I come.

Love,

Timo

