



## Using Commas for Clarity

### Today's Standard

5.L.2c - Use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Steve?).

Cues	Notes
What is the purpose of using commas?	Commas clarify the meaning of sentences.
Where should commas be placed?	Place commas after 'yes' and 'no', in tag questions, and in direct address. Common mistakes include arbitrary placement and omission of commas.
What are common mistakes with commas?	Without commas, sentences can become confusing or misleading.
How can commas change sentence meaning?	Proper comma usage makes writing clearer and easier to read.
Why is proper comma usage important?	

### Summary

Using commas correctly is crucial for clear and effective writing. Commas should be placed to set off 'yes' and 'no', in tag questions, and in direct address. Common mistakes include arbitrary placement and omission, which can lead to confusion.