



Comma Usage with Coordinate Adjectives

Today's Standard

7.L.2a - Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old[,] green shirt).

Cues	Notes
What are coordinate adjectives?	Coordinate adjectives are adjectives that equally modify the same noun.
How do you test if adjectives are coordinate?	Test by inserting 'and' between adjectives; if it makes sense, they are coordinate.
Why are commas important between coordinate adjectives?	Commas are important to clarify meaning and separate equally important adjectives.
What is a common mistake with coordinate adjectives?	A common mistake is thinking all adjectives in a series need commas.
How can you correct the mistake?	Correct by testing with 'and' and using commas only for coordinate adjectives.

Summary

Using commas between coordinate adjectives is crucial for clarity. Test with 'and' to see if adjectives are coordinate. Only use commas for coordinate adjectives to avoid common mistakes.