

Parent Guide to the

Using commas in compound sentences

Today's Standard

4.L.2c - Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing letters or emails; Creating stories or essays; Drafting reports or presentations; Editing written work; Understanding punctuation in books or articles

Today I Learned

Today we learned to use commas before words like 'and' or 'but' in sentences with two parts.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids forget to use a comma before 'and' or 'but'. They might also put the comma after these words, which is wrong.

Quiz Me

- What is a coordinating conjunction?
- Where do you put a comma in a compound sentence?
- Can you give me an example of a compound sentence?
- Why do we need a comma before the conjunction?
- What happens if we forget the comma?

Help Me

We use commas to make our sentences clear. For example, 'I wanted to play outside, but it started to rain.' The comma helps us understand the sentence better.