



## Using Commas with Introductory Elements

### Today's Standard

5.L.2b - Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Separating introductory phrases in letters and emails.; Using commas after introductory words in essays.; Applying commas correctly in creative writing.; Editing sentences in peer reviews for comma usage.; Reading comprehension activities focusing on sentence structure.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use commas to separate introductory elements from the rest of the sentence. This helps make sentences clear and easy to understand.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think commas are not needed after introductory elements, which can make sentences confusing. Others might use commas too much, even when they are not necessary.

### Quiz Me

- What is an introductory element?
- Why do we use commas after introductory elements?
- Can you give an example of a sentence with an introductory element and a comma?
- What happens if we don't use a comma after an introductory element?
- When should we not use a comma after an introductory element?

### Help Me

Using commas after introductory elements helps make sentences clear. For example, in the sentence 'After dinner, we went for a walk,' the comma after 'After dinner' helps the reader understand the sentence better. Practice looking for introductory elements and adding commas to make your writing clear and easy to read.