



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).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing descriptive sentences in essays; Editing and proofreading written work; Improving clarity in creative writing; Enhancing readability in reports; Crafting better narratives in storytelling

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using commas to separate adjectives that describe a noun equally. For example, in 'It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie,' both adjectives describe the movie separately, so we use a comma.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think that all adjectives need commas, but that's not true. Only adjectives that describe a noun equally need commas. Also, some think commas are optional, but they are important for clear writing.

Quiz Me

- What is an adjective?
- Why do we use commas between some adjectives?
- How can you test if adjectives need a comma?
- What happens if you don't use commas correctly?
- Can you give an example of a sentence with coordinate adjectives?

Help Me

Using commas between certain adjectives helps make writing clear. For example, in 'It was a bright, sunny day,' both 'bright' and 'sunny' describe the day separately, so we use a comma. This helps readers understand better.