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Comma Review - Most Common Comma Errors in papers

**When two related complete thoughts are joined by a conjunction, use a comma before the conjunction.**

Note - If the conjunction just joins two words or two incomplete thoughts, do not use a comma.

* Sophia had a whole box of art supplies**, so** she loaned Angela and Maddie some markers.
* Adrianna had cereal and yogurt for breakfast**, but** she was still starving by the time lunch started.
* Should I take AP U.S. History**, or** is Honors Math and Honors Language Arts enough?

**Use a comma after an introductory phrase or clause** to indicate the beginning of the sentences main thought.

* **Realizing she had no paper,** Martina asked Chloe for some.
* **When Danny finished his poster,** he was really proud of it.
* **Because he forgot his textbook for the third time that week,** Mrs. Fitz gave Charlie a tardy when he went back to his locker to get it.
* **On the front table,** Demarcus found an extra copies of the handouts.
* **Even though he ate a big lunch,** Tristan was starving again by 6th hour.

We also reviewed the following uses of commas:

**Use a comma to set off a name used in direct address.**

* **Zach,** would you mind going to get the Chromebooks?

**Use commas to separate items in a series.**

* Ava deciding to research being an architect, but she was also interested in being **an interior decorator, renovator, or carpenter.**

**Instructions -** Read the following paragraphs and add commas, following these rules.

After the substitute read the names of the people in each group the class went to the L.G.I. to plan on the layout for the class career poster. They took the paper rulers and instructions with them. Realizing they only had 20 minutes they got to work. One group decided to sit on the floor but they changed their mind because they needed something to write on. Anthony C. suggested they each draw a sketch of a possible layout and then compare them but Anthony G. thought they should share their ideas and do one sketch. Maeve sketched out a poster that had the career title in the center and Lydia tried writing the career down the side in big block letters. Others thought the best idea was to put the title at the top. When Ronald told everyone his idea for the career path they were impressed and immediately agreed. Because they hadn’t been careful to check off things on the list David’s group forgot to save a place for pictures.