

Comma Usage—Rule #2

Rule #2 uses a comma to separate “**introductory stuff**” from the rest of the sentence. This can be a **phrase** (a group of words that IS NOT A COMPLETE SENTENCE like a prepositional phrase, infinitive phrase, participle phrase, etc.), or a **clause** (a group of words that has a subject and a verb).

EXAMPLES:

Phrases:

To be a good person, I should always treat others as I want to be treated. (infinitive)

On the very top of the fridge, I found a million dollars!
(prepositional)

Walking over the bridge, I almost fell into the water due to a couple of broken slats! (participle)

Clauses:

Because I get up so early to work out, I try to go to bed by 9:00 P.M.

After I do my homework, I like to play video games.

When I was going to the concert, I found a lost wallet.

YOUR TURN! Now you write 5 sentences using introductory stuff followed by a comma. Make sure that the comma is followed by a complete sentence! Write sentences starting with 3 different types of phrases and 2 dependent clauses.