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4 Comma Rules for Prose writing

1. Items in a list. Examples: "I like peaches, pears, and pineapple."

"Inder likes to make robots, knit hats, and paint houses."

Notice that there is a comma before the and.

2. Linking baby sentences, therefore before conjunctions.

Examples: "Ashley is tall, and she is also good looking."

"Please put the bailer-twine down, then move the tractor beside the barn."

3. Extra information.

Examples: "One of my favourite students, Dale from Drama class, is heading for an A+ in this class."

"Mrs. Lindquist, our principal, is teaching a class this semester."

4. Introductory word, or phrase.

Examples: "It was a dark and stormy night, when the horses escaped from the barn."

"Heading for the skateboard park, I climbed the rickety fence behind the store and then cut through the football field to avoid being seen."