

**Commas** are used:

- **to set off the speaker in a quotation:** She said, "Let's win this game."
- **to set off non-essential phrases or clauses to the main idea of a sentence:** Canada's provinces, of which there are ten, make up the vast majority of the country's land area. Canada, which has ten provinces, is a very large country in land area.
- **to set off dates, places, addresses, and titles:** Thursday, March 23, 2000; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Alan Wilner, former president of ACA

The **comma** is put inside the quotation marks when it comes at the end of the quotation. "Let's win this game," she said.

You do not need a comma between month and year: November 1998.  
You do not need a comma before a postal code: BC V3K 3H8 (leave two spaces between the province and the code).

1. Put **commas** where needed in these sentences.

- I hoped my aunt Marjorie Henton Sr. would come to our home in Surrey British Columbia.
- The team made up of players from two leagues took to the ice on Wednesday February 19.
- "I think we can win this game" said Elynor.
- Jalinda replied "We have enough talent to take the championship."
- Elynor said "We just have to stay focussed."

2. Write a paragraph on one of the following topics, or a topic of your choice. Use commas in at least four different ways in your paragraph. Look over the comma rules on this page and page 31 for help.

**buying a new pet    going to a concert    writing a test    making lunch**  
**choosing a TV show    choosing a movie    listening to a ridiculous joke**

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Homework



*Make a list of items that you would like to take with you on a long journey. Would you use commas in this list? Give a reason for your answer.*