



5 Common Command Rules

- Use Commands with Names
- Use Commands with Introductory Words and Phrases
- Use Commands with Dates
- Use Commands with Places
- Use Commands with List or Series

These are posters that you can hang anywhere in your classroom to help remind your students of when and how to use commands properly!



Comma Rule #1:

Use Commas with Names.

Place a comma when addressing a person. When the name is in the middle of the sentence, use two commas.

Example:

- Let's eat, Grandma.
- Ask your partner, Cindy, for a pencil.
- Mom, may I go outside?



Comma Rule #2:

Use Commas with
Introductory Words.

Place a comma after an
introductory word or phrase.

Example:

- Okay, I will ask my mom.
- Yes, I did my homework.
- Last week, we bought a puppy!



Command Rule #3:

Use Commas with Dates.

Place a comma between the day and year always! If the date is in the middle of the sentence, place a comma after the year also.

Example:

- Today is August 31, 2011.
- On November 21, 2013, your project is due.



Comma Rule #:4

Use Commas with Places.

Use a comma to separate a city and state when writing a specific place. If the place is in the middle of the sentence, place a comma after the state also.

Example:

- I live in Rexburg, Idaho.
- I visited Mesa, Arizona, last summer.



Command Rule #5

Use Commas with a Series or List.

Place a comma to separate items in a list or series.

Example:

- I bought eggs, milk and bread.
- Sam, Bob, and Chad went to football practice.
- Tonight I will clean my room, eat dinner, and practice piano.



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