

If you haven't gotten your fill of comma rules yet, here are a few more.

1. Use comma when linking two complete sentences with a conjunctive adverb

I bought the blue dress; however, I may go back and get the red one.

2. Use comma with numbers greater than 999

I walked 4,517 steps today.

3. Use commas between direct quotation and attribution

I told my sister, "The red dress was so beautiful."

4. Use comma with a direct address

Shirley, I told you I liked the red dress more.

5. Use comma between two or more consecutive adjectives

It was a breezy, sunny, day.

6. *Etc.* should be preceded and followed by a comma

I looked at red, green, purple, black, etc., dresses before deciding on the blue one.

The bottom line with commas

The comma splice

We went to the circus, then we ate ice cream. (comma splice)

We went to the circus, and then we ate ice cream.

We went to the circus; then we ate ice cream.

We went to the circus. Then we ate ice cream.

Comma notes