

# Comma S.O.S.

A **comma (,)** is a mark that breaks up a sentence to help make it clearer. Here are some other ways to use commas.

## Comma Uses

When to Use a Comma	Example
In a list	I need to call Malcolm, Phil, Marion, and Sarah.
In a direct address	Javon, please clean your room.
Between the day and year in a date	July 4, 1776
Between the name of a city and state	Trenton, New Jersey
Between the name of a city and country	London, England
In letters	Dear Grandma, I had a fun time at your house last weekend.  Love, Bobby

**Quotation marks (“ ”)** show when someone speaks. They are often used with a comma. **Dialogue** is what a character says. The dialogue is put inside the quotation marks.

“Did you remember to call Julia?” Dina asked.

“Yes,” Mark replied. “I called her this morning.”

An **apostrophe (’)** shows possession. Add ’s to a singular noun or a plural noun that does not end with s. Add ’ to a plural noun that ends with s.

That is Ken’s pen.

The children’s toys were all over the floor.

The teacher hung up the students’ artwork.

L. 3.2 b. Use commas in addresses.  
c. Use commas in quotation marks and dialogue.