**More Uses for Commas**

You already know that you can use commas for items in a series. You can also use commas for the following reasons:

* You can use a comma to make a compound sentence.

Ex: The students did not listen, and they lost recess.

* You can also use a comma to set off an appositive.

Ex: Mark, my honors student, wrote his thesis.

I rode my favorite roller coaster, The Hulk.

* Introductory words also need a comma. You use them after the first word.

Ex: Well, I think I did great on my math exam.

Yes, he is the most obnoxious person on the team.

* You use a comma to set off a noun in direct address.

Ex: Tina, did you get the memo we have off?

No, Julia, I did not know that.

\*\*Direct address does not always have to occur in the beginning of the sentence. Ex: From a distance, John, it does look like a shark.