

Let's eat grandpa.
Let's eat, grandpa.

Correct punctuation can
save a person's life.

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General information about commas:

four main groups

introducer commas

coordinator commas --> link more than just

independent clauses

inserter commas

tag commas

introducer commas:

- follow the element that is in front of the first independent clause in a sentence

examples:

words: **Therefore**, I plan to go shopping.

phrases: **As a result**, I don't have any money left for this month.

dependent clauses: **Because I have an empty closet**, my mum recommended a shopping trip.

direct quotations: "**Go shopping with your best friend**" she said

Coordinator commas:

- link equal elements in a sentence, together with a coordinating conjunction

examples:

two independent clauses: **His car was broke**, so **he bought a new car**.

series of three or more words: He likes to **play football, watch movies, listen to music**, and **to meet his friends**.

series of three or more phrases: Firefighters have to work **on weekends, at night**, and **on holidays**.

Inserter commas:

- used before and after an element that gets inserted into the middle of an independent clause

examples:

words: My brother, **however**, refuses to clean his room.

phrases: My sister, **on the other hand**, always cleans her room.

nonrestrictive phrases and clauses: Sam, **her boyfriend**, is really annoying.

Reporting verbs in direct quotations: "I've tried to learn how to bake dozens of times", **she says**, "but can't."

Tag commas:

- used when certain elements are added to the end of a sentence

examples:

words: I like to eat lots of chocolate, **too**. I do not gain weight, **however**.

phrases: She plays her saxophone for half an hour every day, **for example**. She also sings a lot of songs, **playing guitar**.

tag questions: That's very nice of him, **isn't it?**

direct quotations: He smiles as he says, "**Catch me if you can.**"

- ① Fill in the correct commas.
Remember that some sentences
need more than one comma.



I had toast coffee fruits and some tomatos for breakfast.

She cries as she shouts "I can't believe you betrayed me!"

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Nervously I looked for my driving license.

After 12 years of school I finally passed my final exams.

My mother who just celebrated her fiftieth birthday enjoys hiking every summer.

Because it is my birthday I get a lot of presents.

"May I have something to eat" he asked.

My sister however refuses to stop drinking.

I like to go swimming too.

He plays table tennis beating me most of the time.

You really like him don't you?