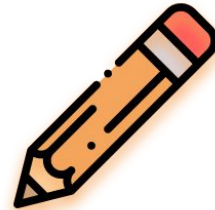




# Commas

Introductory clauses



Rule 3.

**Use a comma after an introductory clause**

# Wait - what's an introductory clause?

[Let's review!](#)

# Examples

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## Let's try

Inside the science lab smoke started pouring from the beaker.

Near the end of lunch period the principal made a surprise announcement.



During the longest test of the year Maria's pencil snapped in half.

