

Lesson 350

Mechanics - Punctuation - Commas

Use commas to separate a series of three or more short *clauses*.

Example:

I am working, he is sleeping, and she is singing.

(The comma before the *conjunction* *and* is optional, but I prefer using it.)

Use no commas in a series when all items are joined by *or*, *and*, or *nor*.

Instructions: Place commas where they are needed.

1. They are eating we are drinking and you are starving.
2. The music began the lights dimmed and the curtains opened.
3. My sister has left home my brother is at school and my mother is baking bread.
4. Jim fished Jeff hiked and I loafed the whole campout.
5. You correct he proofreads but I edit material.