

## Lesson 355

### Mechanics - Punctuation - Commas

Use commas to set off *parenthetical expressions*. Parenthetical expressions are words inserted in the main sentence but not necessary to the meaning. They interrupt the flow of the sentence. Common expressions used parenthetically are *however, of course, on the other hand, in fact, for example, that is, by the way, after all, perhaps, indeed, also, too, nevertheless*. These expressions are not always parenthetical.

Examples:

Lucy, *on the other hand*, reads little.

He knows, *perhaps*, five answers to the questions.

**Instructions:** Place commas where they are needed.

1. The story that I just told you by the way is true.
2. My plan nevertheless was followed and succeeded.
3. Your plan on the other hand was rejected for good reasons.
4. I might suggest for example that you make some revisions.
5. You in fact should be moved to a different department.