USING COMMAS

Commas indicate where the reader needs to take a short pause for emphasis. Here are 5 simple ways to use commas in your work:

**Use commas for lists:**

I went to the shop and bought apples, bananas, grapes and pears.

**Use a comma before and/but/so sentence conjunctions:**

I wanted to go home, but I had to stay for detention.

It was starting to rain, and it was very windy.

Asif was hungry, so he decided to buy a burger.

**Use a comma after an adverb sentence starter:**

Unfortunately, Emily lost all of her pocket money.

Firstly, chop the onions into small pieces.

Can you improve your work by including commas?

**Use a comma in a complex sentence which begins with a subordinate conjunction:**

Although she was rich, she drove an old car.

If you are able to use commas, this will improve your writing.

**Use a comma after an adverbial phrase:**

After eating dinner, I went upstairs and washed my hair.

When Zara eats tomatoes, she gets an allergic reaction.