

Commas!

Commas are really fun; you can perform a lot of grammatical tricks while using them. Your sentence logic will be maintained using commas. They should not be taken lightly. For this group assignment, work in your usual groups. Take a look at these and answer to the best of your ability. Hopefully your reading of the course material in Wadsworth before class was accentuated by our discussion and further emphasized by this handout.

Combine these independent clauses using the coordinating conjunction in parentheses

1. Dr. Paris shuns modern technology. He does have an email address. (but)
2. The new mayor waited only a few days before meeting with the opposition party. He did not wait to meet their leader. (nor)
3. Christy and I met at the conference before she went back to Australia. We keep in touch via Twitter. (and)

Correct the use of commas in these sentences. Some of them may be correct already

4. Those enrolled at the university include undergraduates, graduate students and teaching assistants.
5. Within the English department there are scholars for Classical Greek, Critical Theory, Gay and Lesbian Literature, and Medieval literature.
6. In Dr. Estes' medieval survey course students normally read *The Canterbury Tales*, *Sir Gawain & The Green Knight*, and *Piers Plowman*.

Set off nonessential elements in these sentences with offsetting commas

7. Lauren a great student in the medieval class is now a professor of medieval literature in California.
8. Many students in the class such as Trent Chris and Jennifer failed because they did not do their readings and slept during class.
9. Dr. Estes a merciful professor if there ever was one ended up allowing Jennifer to take an incomplete due to a number of factors.