

## Comma Rules

1. use commas between items in a series
2. use commas in numbers
3. use commas in letters (the greeting and closing)
4. use a comma between the day and the year
5. use a comma between a city and a state
6. use commas in compound sentences
7. use commas after an introductory word, interjections and interjections
8. use a comma to set off a speaker's words
9. use a comma after an introductory phrase or clause
10. use commas to set off appositives (a word or phrase that renames or explains a noun)
11. use commas to set off explanatory phrases (the information)

# Comma Rules and Practice Pages

(free printables)

Add commas in the sentence below. On the line, write the rule number!

1. The ocean is divided into four zones: the sunlight zone, the twilight zone, the midnight zone, and the Hadal zone.
2. The deepest point in the ocean is in the Mariana Trench. It has been measured at 36,070 feet below sea level.
3. My teacher said to me, "Ninety percent of all marine life occurs in the sunlight zone."
4. Salt is washed out of rocks, sand, and soils by rainwater that is carried down streams and rivers to the ocean.
5. The viperfish has very, very sharp teeth. With these sharp teeth the fish definitely won't wiggle away! When food is scarce every bite counts.
6. Many animals in the twilight zone have bioluminescence the ability to make light.
7. Halibut fish live in the Atlantic Pacific and Indian Oceans.
8. The Atlantic giant squid can weigh as much as 1,100 pounds.
9. Some ocean animals are herbivores which eat seaweeds or phytoplankton.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm having such a wonderful week with Grandma, Grandpa and Aunt Jennifer. We went to Kitty Hawk N.C. a couple of days ago. Did you know that Wilbur and Orville Wright did the first successful airplane flight there? Grandpa took me to see the Wright Brothers National Air Museum. We stayed by the water and walked along the grounds and walked up the lighthouse to see the museum.

I have been reading such a great novel!

Love,  
Shane

11. Why did you see the dolphin jump out of the water?  
12. Did you know that the sailfish can reach speeds of up to 68 mph faster than a cheetah (can run)?  
13. There are around 25,000 species of marine and freshwater fish.  
14. When I went to the beach I saw a sea cucumber that had been washed up on the shore.  
15. Sea cucumbers are echinoderms like starfish and brittle stars.  
16. In parts of the ocean floor very hot water gushes out. These vents are called hydrothermal vents.  
17. James Cameron, a director and explorer went to the bottom of the Mariana Trench on March 26, 2013.

Answer Pages

Rule 1: 1. The ocean is divided into four zones: the sunlight zone, the twilight zone, the midnight zone, and the Hadal zone.  
Rule 2: 2. The deepest point in the ocean is in the Mariana Trench. It has been measured at 36,070 feet below sea level.  
Rule 3: 3. My teacher said to me, "Ninety percent of all marine life occurs in the sunlight zone."  
Rule 4 and 5: 4. Salt is washed out of rocks, sand, and soils by rainwater, then it is carried down streams and rivers to the ocean.  
Rule 5 and 6: 5. The viperfish has very, very sharp teeth. With these sharp teeth, the viperfish definitely won't wiggle away! When food is scarce, every bite counts.  
Rule 6: 6. Many animals in the twilight zone have bioluminescence, the ability to make light.  
Rule 7: 7. Halibut fish live in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans.  
Rule 8 and 9: 8. The Atlantic giant squid can weigh as much as one ton, 1,100 pounds.  
Rule 11: 9. Some ocean animals are herbivores, which feed on seaweeds or phytoplankton.

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