

10 kommaregler i engelsk

1. Brug komma til at adskille helsætninger, når de er sat sammen med **FANBOYS** bindeordene: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*.

2. Brug komma efter introducerende ord og ledsætninger, før helsætningen.

3. Brug komma i starten og slutningen af parentetiske ledsætninger og ord, som ikke er afgørende for sætningens betydning – også når de fremkommer sidst i sætningen, hvor det sidste komma dog undlades.

Typiske tegn på ledsætninger	
because	though
since	although
when	unless
while	after
until	before
if	once
as	whether

4. Intet komma ved definerende ledsætninger, som er afgørende for sætningens betydning. Clue: **that** er næsten altid er tegn på en definerende ledsætning.

5. Brug komma til at adskille 3 eller flere ord eller sætninger i en opremsning.

Live-fods-test

- > Kan du indsætte "and" imellem tillægsordene?
- > Og kan de bruges i omvendt rækkefølge?

6. Brug komma til at adskille to tillægsord, der på lige fod belyser et navneord – og kun når de er på lige fod.

7. Brug komma sidst i en sætning til at adskille modsætninger.

8. Brug komma til at adskille geografiske navne, datoer (dag og måned undtaget), adresser (gadenavn og nr. undtaget), og titler i navne.

9. Brug komma til at skifte imellem hovedteksten og et citat.

10. Brug komma hvor det er nødvendigt for at forhindre fejllæsning eller tvetydighed.

1. The game was over, **but** the crowd refused to leave.
The student explained her question, **yet** the instructor still didn't seem to understand.
It was his birthday, **so** she took him out to dinner.
No manned mission to Mars has taken place, **nor** is one planned for the near future.

2. **While I was eating**, the cat scratched at the door.
Because her alarm clock was broken, she was late for class.
If you are ill, you ought to go see a doctor.
When the snow stops falling, we'll shovel the driveway.
Well, perhaps he meant no harm.
Yes, the package should arrive tomorrow morning.
However, you may not be satisfied with the results.

3. That Tuesday, **which happens to be my birthday**, is the only day when I am available to meet.
This restaurant has an exciting atmosphere. The food, **on the other hand**, is rather bland.
I appreciate your hard work. In this case, **however**, you seem to have over-exerted yourself.
Words are, **of course**, the most powerful drug used by mankind.
She was born in Ontario, **where she hopes to return**.
Steve said that he would propose to me on Valentine's Day, **which is my favorite holiday**.
Nancy waved enthusiastically at the docking ship, **laughing joyously**.

4. Students **who cheat** only harm themselves.
The baby **wearing a yellow jumpsuit** is my niece.
The candidate **who had the least money** lost the election.
The book **that I borrowed from you** is excellent.
The apples **that fell out of the basket** are bruised.
He is dreaming **that he can fly**.
I contend **that it was wrong to mislead her**.
They wished **that warm weather would finally arrive**.

5. The reporter picked up his camera, bag, and coat.
The candidate promised to lower taxes, protect the environment, reduce crime, and end unemployment.

6. He was a difficult, stubborn child.
Your cousin has an easy, happy smile.
They lived in a white frame house. **(Ikke på lige fod)**
She often wore a gray wool shawl. **(Ikke på lige fod)**

7. He was merely ignorant, not stupid.
The chimpanzee seemed reflective, almost human.
You're one of the senator's close friends, aren't you?
The speaker seemed innocent, even gullible.

8. Woodstock, Alabama, gets its name from Woodstock, England.
July 22, 1959, was a momentous day in his life.
Who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC?
Rachel B. Lake, MD, will be the principal speaker. **(Komma er ikke nødvendigt, hvis du kun bruger måned og årstal: The average temperatures for July 1998 are the highest on record for that month.)**

9. John said without emotion, "I'll see you tomorrow."
"I was able," she answered, "to complete the assignment."
In 1848, Marx wrote, "Workers of the world, unite!"

10. To George, Harrison had been a sort of idol.