

## Comma Rule #1

My students use commas too often. For now, it is better to use periods as much as possible when you finish your sentences. During this semester, we will slowly look at the rules to follow to use commas.

Here is the first one.

*Use a comma after each item in a series of three or more. Be sure to use a comma before the word 'and' which comes before the last word in the series.*

*I like cherry and vanilla ice cream.*

**No commas because there are only two items.**

*I am friends with Jimmy and Paul.*

*I swim and ride my bike.*

*I eat chicken, fish, and beef.*

**A series of 3 or more needs a comma after each item.**

*I cook, clean, and take care of kids.*

*I like apples, cherries, bananas, and grapes.*

**A series of 4 has 3 commas.**

*Ben, Carlos, Tina, and Fred smoke.*

**Add commas if they are necessary, following only Comma Rule 1.**

1. On Thanksgiving, I saw my aunts cousins nieces and nephews.
2. I was happy because I saw my mother my father my brothers my sisters a lot of cousins and friends in my country.
3. We ate turkey corn salad and pico de gallo.
4. We drank some soda juices and beers.
5. My son and my husband like tamales.
6. We danced cumbia meringue and quebraditas.
7. We went to my friend's house had an extra party drank a little more and ate.
8. My husband my son and I slept in my brother-in-law's house.
9. At the Fiestas Hall in East L.A., they have security waitresses and bartenders.
10. I went to Texas with my husband and my kids.
11. We had to stop at the gas station to get some coffee go to the restroom and get some gasoline.
12. I saw my sister-in-law my brother-in-law and my nephews.
13. My husband my kids and I went to Target.
14. I have three dogs. Their names are Rocky Guapo and Cesar.
15. I have a turtle. I feed him lettuce carrots and watermelon.
16. I bought some sweaters shoes dresses and necklaces for my first girlfriend.
17. My daughter trained the dog how to go to the bathroom outside how to catch a ball and how to sit.
18. One day my dog ran out into the street a car ran over her and I had to take her to the hospital.
19. It can be difficult to have a dog. They can bark bite people and damage the yard.
20. When my puppies were born, my aunt my uncle my sisters and I were so happy.