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Commas used right will promise
To make you neater and sweeter today!

Rule 1: Items in a series (Yankee Doodle)

When you have a bunch of stuff all lined up in a sentence
Separate with commas please to have the proper sequence
Oxford commas make it clear
Oxford commas' dandy
Use them right before the *and*; it comes in very handy!

Rule 2: The Coordinating Conjunction Comma (FANBOYS) Twinkle

When they're two independent clauses
Use commas/FANBOYS to separate for pauses
For, and, nor, but, and or
Yet and so add so much more
When you have two thoughts you see,
Join them this way; it's easy.

Rule #3: Introductory words or phrases

Wait a second! All this singing is making me hungry.
If you want to follow me to the kitchen (*comma*), I'm going to fix a pretzel.
We will walk down the hall (*comma*), into the dining room *comma*, and into the kitchen period.
Before I put it in the microwave (*comma*), I have to get it out of the freezer.
After I open the box (*comma*), I get out my pretzel (*comma*), and I put salt on it.

Parentheses (That was a compound/complex sentence.)

I put it in the microwave for thirty–five seconds because the box says thirty, (*comma*) but I want to make sure it's nice and hot. *Parentheses* (That was another compound/complex sentence.)

While my pretzel is cooking comma, I'm going to sign off.

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Rules 1, 4 and 6:

I'm back, Students, and I'm feeling better that my stomach is not growling.

Friday after school, (comma) we are heading to Simpsonville, (comma) South Carolina, (comma) to see my grandchildren.

This is Mason who loves to write, climb trees, and build with Legos.

This is Maddy who loves to cook, play sports, and play her trumpet.

This is Griffin who plays baseball, plays the saxophone, and loves to backpack.

Mrs. Swaney, the teacher, gets to be Grandma, sometimes.

Okay, I'll sing one more time.

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*"**Comet**" was a well-known humorous children's song in North America. It describes the toxic effects of consuming Comet cleanser—a powdered cleansing product. The most prominent and often-occurring effect in the song is that it turns one's teeth green. Among other effects alleged by this song are an unappealing taste and, unsurprisingly, a tendency to vomit.

Although this song, like many in its genre, has widely variable lyrics, a common version contains the following words:

"Comet - it makes your teeth turn green!

Comet - it tastes like gasoline!

Comet - it makes you vomit;

So buy some Comet, and vomit, today!"



The melody of the song is the "Colonel Bogey March"

. . . Just in case you were wondering.