**Comma Rules**

1. **If a sentence starts with a preposition, then it needs a comma.**

Example: Before the game, I ate oranges and other fruit.

1. **If a sentence starts with a subordinating conjunction (transition), then it needs a comma. COMPLEX SENT.**

Example: When I go to the store, I need to buy milk.

1. **An appositive is a noun or noun phrase that renames another noun right beside it. The nonessential appositive is *always* separated from the rest of the sentence by commas.**

Example: Mike Modano, right wing for the Dallas Stars, was a great American hockey player.

1. **If you are combining two sentences with a conjunction (FANBOYS), then you need a comma. COMPOUND SENTENCE**

Example: Kim complained about the heat, yet she still played tennis at the hottest time of the day.

* 1. **If you can switch adjectives that describe the same noun in a sentence, then you need a comma.**

Example: The puffy, white cloud was floating across the sky. OR The white, puffy cloud was floating across the sky.