

Before and After Interrupters

An **interrupter** is a word or phrase that INTERRUPTS the flow of a sentence.

You need one comma BEFORE an interrupter and one comma AFTER.

Example: My brothers, **Jay and Todd**, play ice hockey.

Colons

A **colon** is used to introduce words, phrases, or sentences.

A colon looks like this → :

Example of colon placement:

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Contractions

A **contraction** is a word made up of two words put together. The apostrophe is in place of a letter in one of the words.

When writing a contraction, don't forget the apostrophe.

Examples:

don't (do not)

wouldn't (would not)

aren't (are not)

you're (you are)

Abbreviations

An **abbreviation** is a properly shortened version of a word.

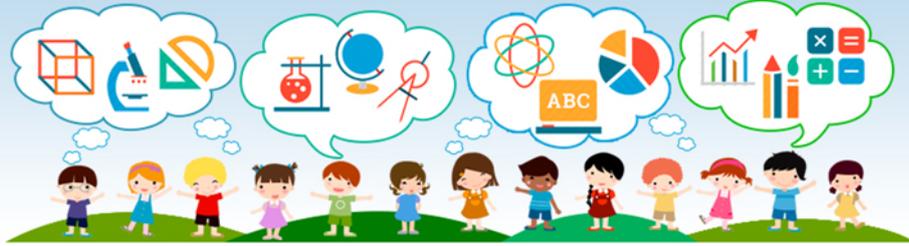
When writing an abbreviation, don't forget the period.

Examples:

Dr.
Mrs.
St.
Aug.

Dialogue

When you are directly quoting someone in a sentence, you need to include quotation marks around the direct quote.



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