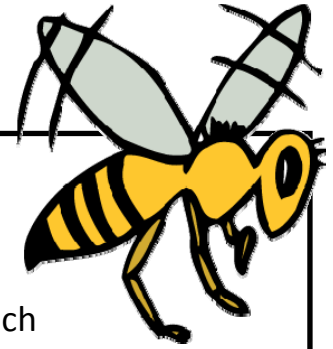


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## Using Commas with Introductory Phrases

If the introductory phrase at the beginning of a sentence cannot act as a full sentence, it must be followed by a comma. If the introductory phrase can act as a full sentence, it must be followed with a semicolon, a period, or a comma used with a conjunction (and, but, for, so, or, etc.). Read each sentence below. If it is punctuated correctly, put a check mark on the line. If it is not punctuated correctly, put an X on the line.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. After getting stung by a wasp, Derek ran into the house calling for his mother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Having won the contest; Ann let out a whoop and jumped up and down.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. On his bedroom door Mark has a sign that says, "Keep out".
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In fact, dogs have been human companions for tens of thousands of years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. On her birthday Agnes got a shiny new red bicycle from her parents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. While eating an apple, Jerry told his story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. If he wants to buy himself a computer Jim will need an after-school job.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Preparing to enter the classroom the new teacher took a deep breath for courage.

Now rewrite the incorrectly punctuated sentences below. Correct the punctuation.

- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_