Writing: Using Commas

Commas have many uses. They can be used with a coordinating conjunction to join independent clauses in compound sentences. They can be used after introductory clauses, after some introductory phrases, and after some introductory words. Commas are also used to separate items in a series. There are other ways writers use commas, such as with quotations and dates.

DIRECTIONS:
Write sentences according to the instructions below. Use commas correctly.

1. Write a sentence with a series of three items.

2. Write your birthday, including the month, day and year. Write the month as a word.

3. Write a sentence that starts with a direct quotation.

4. Write a compound sentence using the conjunction yet.

5. Write a sentence with an introductory adverbial clause that starts with even though.

6. Write a sentence that starts with an introductory prepositional phrase.