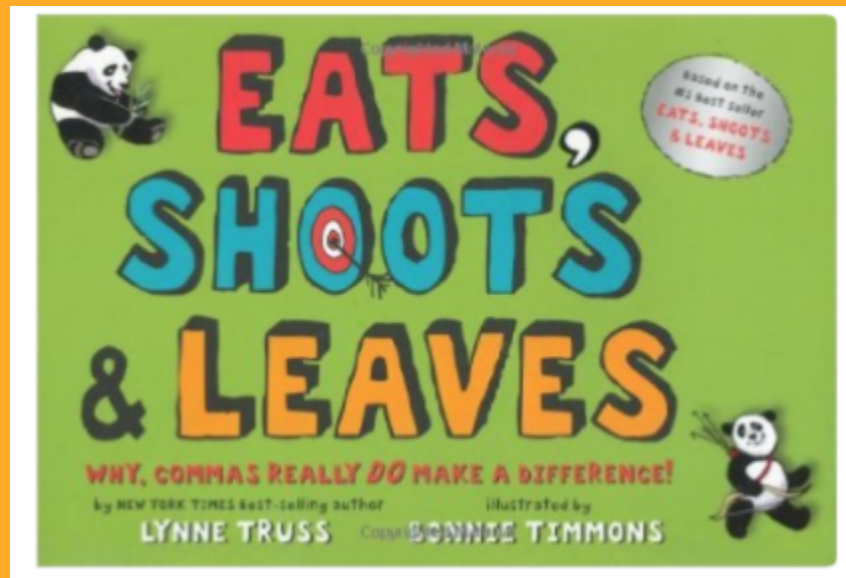


Video of lesson in action



Commas

Commas are used to divide or separate parts of a sentence in order to make the meaning clean and the sentence easier to read. They mark a brief pause in the sentence, usually at a point where you would naturally pause if you were speaking rather than writing. They may be used to separate individual words or phrases within the sentence.

Task	Resource	I learned/ I wonder
Watch	https://youtu.be/Vv4rD6OyssM https://youtu.be/uXQq4Ug1RIM https://youtu.be/xEB0kzgxJ44	-when you join 2 phrases, they are called independent clause -without commas your sentence will be weird and funny -I wonder what it would be like without commas -date needs 2 commas if it is Jan. 7, 2017,
Read	8 rules for commas	

Now that you have learned a bit more about commas, let's look at excerpts from Kate DiCamillo's book, **The Tale of Despereaux**. Each excerpt has a comma, what is the rule that helps us understand why she used a comma?

Directions: Highlight the part of the sentence that uses a comma then go to the Time for Kids Comma Rule list and copy and paste the rule into the document.

Text	Rule
Example: “The shapes arranged themselves into words, and the words spelled out a delicious and wonderful phrase: Once upon a time.”	Example:
“Love is ridiculous. But love is also wonderful. And powerful. And Despereaux's love for the Princess Pea would prove, in time, to be all of these things: powerful, wonderful, and ridiculous.”	
“The world is dark, and light is precious. Come closer, dear reader. You must trust me. I am telling you a story.”	
“Despereaux looked at his father, at his grey-streaked fur and trembling whiskers and his front paws clasped together in front of his heart, and he felt suddenly as if his own heart would break in two. His father looked so small, so sad.	
Reader, nothing is sweeter in this sad world than the sound of someone you love calling your name. Nothing.”	
“There ain't a body, be it mouse or man, that ain't made better by a little soup.”	
Despereaux's love for the Princess Pea would prove, in time, to be all of these things: powerful, wonderful, and ridiculous.”	

Reflection: What did you learn from this activity? Do you think you will use commas more thoughtfully or correctly? How did you feel doing this activity?

- I thought it was cool that some sentences have more than 1 comma rule.
- a lot of compound sentences
- I liked it because it was interesting...I learned computer skills and more about commas
- I enjoyed it because I did not know there were so many rules about commas
- I felt happy because I like punctuation; now I can add it to my writing.

Part 2 and Part 3 will follow.

Part 2: [Commas: 5 Minute Fun](#)

Part 3: [Story Board That](#), Inspired by Eats, Shoots & Leaves
[Student samples](#)