

# Comma Use with Items in a Series and Coordinate Adjectives

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## VOCABULARY

### Series

*A list of three or more things.*

### Coordinate Adjectives

*Two or more adjectives that modify the same noun separately.*

## THE RULE

1. Use commas to separate each item in a series.
  2. Use a comma between coordinating adjectives.
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## PRACTICE *Comma Usage in a Series*

**Error:** Recent research shows that students and parents alike look at **academic reputation faculty credentials and the accomplishments of graduates** when choosing a college to attend.

**Correction:** Recent research shows that students and parents alike look at **academic reputation, faculty credentials, and the accomplishments of graduates** when choosing a college to attend.

**Error:** The campus activities office works hard to execute many activities and events on campus, including **concerts, movie nights and intramural sports**.

**Correction:** The campus activities office works hard to execute many activities and events on campus, including **concerts, movie nights, and intramural sports**. (*Omitting a comma between the last two items in a series can cause ambiguity in some lists, so it is preferable to place a comma in that position*).

## PRACTICE *Comma Usage with Coordinating Adjectives*

**Error:** My father is a **kind generous** soul.

**Correction:** My father is a **kind, generous** soul.

**Error:** Emily picked the **delicious chocolate** cake for dessert.

**Correction:** Emily picked the **delicious, chocolate** cake for dessert.