

## ***Major uses of the comma***

### **BEFORE A COORDINATING CONJUNCTION**

#### **JOINING INDEPENDENT CLAUSES**

No grand idea was ever born in a conference, but a lot of foolish ideas have died there. —F. Scott Fitzgerald

### **AFTER AN INTRODUCTORY CLAUSE OR PHRASE**

If thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought. —George Orwell

### **BETWEEN ALL ITEMS IN A SERIES**

All the things I really like to do are either immoral, illegal, or fattening. —Alexander Woollcott

### **BETWEEN COORDINATE ADJECTIVES**

There is a mighty big difference between good, sound reasons and reasons that sound good. —Burton Hillis

### **TO SET OFF NONRESTRICTIVE ELEMENTS**

Silence, which will save me from shame, will also deprive me of fame. —Igor Stravinsky