

### **4 Comma Rules for Prose writing**

1. **Items in a list.** Examples: “I like peaches, pears, and pineapple.”  
“Inder likes to make robots, knit hats, and paint houses.”  
Notice that there is a comma before the and.

2. **Linking baby sentences, therefore before conjunctions.**  
Examples: “Ashley is tall, and she is also good looking.”  
“Please put the bailer-twine down, then move the tractor beside the barn.”

3. **Extra information.**  
Examples: “One of my favourite students, Dale from Drama class, is heading for an A+ in this class.”  
“Mrs. Lindquist, our principal, is teaching a class this semester.”

4. **Introductory word, or phrase.**  
Examples: “It was a dark and stormy night, when the horses escaped from the barn.”  
“Heading for the skateboard park, I climbed the rickety fence behind the store and then cut through the football field to avoid being seen.”