

Grade 3 Playlist: Using Commas in Addresses

Aligns with CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.2.B:

- Use commas in addresses.

Welcome

An address has many different parts. Usually, an address includes a street number, a street name, a city or town, a state, and a zip code. A comma is used to separate certain parts of an address. Knowing how to write an address correctly is a very important skill for a writer.

Objective

In this playlist, the student will learn and practice how to:

- use commas in addresses.

Review

Key Terms

- A **comma** (,) is a punctuation mark that separates parts of a sentence.
- An **address** is the information that tells where a building is.

Watch!

This short video reviews a few ways that commas are used:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWyrN22Zmuo>

Exploring the Standard

Addresses are used to tell where to find a building. The building might be someone's house, an office building, or a school. Addresses go on envelopes so mail carriers can know where to deliver the mail. They also go in business letters. Any time a writer needs to tell the reader where a building is, the writer will include an address. An address almost always includes at least one comma.

Here is an example of an address:

123 Evergreen Terrace

Springfield, OR 97478



123 is the house number, and *Evergreen Terrace* is the name of the street. A comma separates the name of the city, *Springfield*, from the state, *OR*, which stands for *Oregon*. This is how commas usually are used in addresses. After the state comes the postal code, or zip code, which is *97478*. Remember to capitalize the street, city, and state names.

Watch!

This video shows how to correctly write an address on an envelope. Pay attention to where the writer puts commas:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=717c67KM4FA>

A Closer Look: Using Commas in Addresses in Other Countries

For addresses in other countries, the comma may separate the city from the name of the country. Here is an example:

456 Clarke Street
Limerick, Ireland

In this example, the comma separates the city name, *Limerick*, from the country name, *Ireland*.

Other countries may have states or other kinds of areas that need to be included in the address as well. For example, Canada has provinces. In a Canadian address, another comma separates the province name and postal code from the country name. Here is an example:

789 Westminster Avenue
Windsor, ON N8T 1X6, Canada

The first comma in this address separates the city name, *Windsor*, from the province, *ON*, which stands for *Ontario*. After the province comes the postal code, *N8T 1X6*. Then another comma is included to separate the postal code from the country name, *Canada*.



Teaching Notes: Using Commas in Addresses

The goal of L.3.2.B is for students to understand how to correctly add commas in addresses.

Answer Keys

Here are the answers to the Applying the Standard worksheets:

A Canoe Trip

1. 800 Highway 12, Paris, TN
2. 201 Center Lane, Denver, CO
3. 6954 Williams Way, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
4. 907 Arctic Wild Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708
5. 1399 KalaKaua Ave., Honolulu HI 96815
6. 395 Red River Road, Campton, KY 41301

Riding the Train across America

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Long Beach, CA
Saint Louis, MO
Virginia Beach, VA
Boston, MA

Help Rufus with Addresses

12 Mulberry St.
Denver, CO or 12 Mulberry St., Denver, CO

410 Main St.
Houston, TX or 410 Main St., Houston, TX

2470 Harper Lane
Jacksonville, Florida or 2470 Harper Lane, Jacksonville, Florida

81 Market Ave.
Norfolk, VA or 81 Market Ave., Norfolk, VA

13874 Center Street
Newark, New Jersey or 13874 Center Street, Newark, New Jersey

