

Don't forget! You also use commas between the name of a city and state (e.g., Chicago, Illinois) and between the day and year in a date (e.g., February 14, 1997), as well as in numbers of more than three digits (e.g., 1,999 or 525, 600).

Practice: Commas

A. Keeping the rules for comma usage in mind, insert commas in the following passage wherever they are needed.

What is James Bond's favorite drink?

Not the vodka martini.

A painstaking study at atomicmartinis.com of Fleming's complete works has shown that James Bond consumed a drink on average every seven pages.

Of the 317 drinks consumed in total his preferred tippie was whisky by a long margin – he drinks 101 in all among them fifty-eight bourbons and thirty-eight Scotches. He's pretty fond of champagne and in one book *You Only Live Twice* which is mostly set in Japan Bond tries sake. He likes it: he has thirty-five of them.

Bond only opts for his supposed favorite the vodka martini nineteen times and he drinks almost as many gin martinis.

The famous “shaken, not stirred” line appears for the first time in *Diamonds are Forever*. Sean Connery was the first screen Bond to utter “shaken, not stirred” in *Goldfinger* and it occurs in most of the films thereafter. In 2005 the American Film Institute voted it the 90th greatest movie quote of all time.

James Bond's personal martini recipe taken from the first book *Casino Royale* is: “Three measures of Gordon's one of vodka half a measure of Kina Lillet. Shake it very well until it's ice-cold and add a large thin slice of lemon peel.”

Adapted from: Lloyd, John, and John Mitchinson. The Book of General Ignorance. New York: Harmony, 2006.

B. Your Turn! On your own sheet of paper, write a sentence that:

- 1) Uses commas to separate the words in a series or list.
- 2) Uses a comma before a coordinating conjunction.
- 3) Uses a comma to set off an introductory word, phrase, or clause.
- 4) Uses commas to set off appositives, interrupters, or adjective clauses.
- 5) Uses a comma to set off a noun in direct address.
- 6) Uses a comma to set off an interjection.