Sådan sætter du komma – Comma

Regel 1:

Til at adskille forskellige punkter i en sætning

A diplomat must be tactful, articulate, and friendly.

Regel 2:

Til at adskille to helsætninger der er bundet sammen med and, but, or, for, nor, yet, so

She had prayed that Leroy would live, but she knew he would die.

Regel 3:

Til at fremhæve indledende ting/ord

Nevertheless, the world's population will continue to grow. After several hours of conversation with his probation officer, Leroy decided that honesty and hard work is better than crime. Floating out in space, Neil Armstrong felt a peace with the world.

Regel 4:

Til at adskille sideordnede tillægsord

Leroy bought five bright, colorful shirts. Leroy bought several colorful shirts.

Når to eller flere tillægsord sideordnet bruges til nærmere at karakterisere det samme ord, adskilles de af komma. Der findes to måder, at finde ud af om tillægsordene er sideordnede:

- a) Hvis der kan sættes 'and' mellem de to tillægsord.
- b) Hvis det er ligegyldigt hvilke af de to tillægsord, der står først i sætningen.

a)	Leroy bought five bright, (and) colorful shirts.
b)	Leroy bought several colorful shirts.
	(Leroy bought several and colorful shirts – Går ikke vel!)

Regel 5:

Til at fremhæve afbrydende ord

The nation is, of course, under the rule of the majority.

Leroy, who is fascinated by guns, is going to buy a new type of Uzi.

The terrorist who was fascinated by guns is going to design a new type of Uzi.

The boat which was docked at Pier 19 sailed on Friday.

The Queen Elisabeth, which was docked at pier 19, sailed on Friday.

George Washington, the first President of the U.S.A., wore wooden teeth.

Regel 6:

Til at fremhæve betydningsfulde ting såsom begivenheder og datoer

On June 6, 1944, the Allies invaded Normandy.

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