

...Resource Overview.....

This resource includes everything you need to teach your students to use a comma to separate an introductory element (e.g., words, phrases, clauses) from the rest of a sentence.

What's Included:

- PowerPoint Lesson (Monday)
- Practice Printable (Tuesday)
- 30 Task Cards (Wednesday)
- Sketch Notes (Thursday)
- Assessment (Friday)
- BONUS: Interactive Notebook Activity

NOTE: This resource was written based on fifth-grade content standards. However, none of the student materials are labeled with a grade level. This will allow teachers to use this resource across grade levels.

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Questions, comments? Feel free to email me anytime. I would love to hear from you!

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POWERPOINT LESSON

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1 Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

Introductory elements are words, phrases, or clauses that appear before the main clause of the sentence.

Introductory element

main clause

During the high tide, mounds of seaweed washed up on the shore.

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Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

WORDS PHRASES CLAUSES

Types of Introductory Elements

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Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

CLAUSE A group of words that contains both a subject and a predicate. -CAN stand alone.

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Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

Where are commas needed?

- In the spring, we will plant strawberries in garden.
- According to the research, glaciers are retreating almost everywhere around the world.
- Surprisingly, the sugar-free desserts were delicious.

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PRACTICE PRINTABLE & ASSESSMENT

COMMAS and Introductory Elements PRACTICE

Name: _____ Date: _____

Commas are used to separate an **introductory element** from the rest of the sentence. An **introductory element** is a *word, phrase, or clause* that appears before the main clause of a sentence.

word: **Coincidentally**, Ron and Bill have the same last name.

 ↑—————main clause—————↑

phrase: Sometime after

clause: **If Rolando like**

Directions: Add commas as needed. Identify if the introductory element is a phrase or a clause.

Example: While visiting P

1. In the end Martha decided to stay.
2. After a long day at work she came home to find a note pinned to the door.
3. As they say rules are made to be broken.
4. At the ripe old age of seventy she decided to start a new life.
5. Instantly I knew that Corbin was not the man for me.
6. While the painting looked like a masterpiece, it was just a copy.

Directions: Write sentences

7. Luckily
-
-
8. When I was younger
-
-
9. During summer vacation

COMMAS and Introductory Elements ASSESSMENT

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Add commas to separate the introductory elements in each sentence. Identify if the introductory elements are phrases or clauses.

1. To get better you will need to rest and drink plenty of water.
2. Because the heater was broken we bundled up under the blankets.
3. Fortunately our plane wasn't delayed from the bad weather.
4. Rather than ask for help I was determined to solve the problem myself.
5. Once the ice forms the roads become very dangerous.

Directions: Select the sentence that is written correctly.

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30 TASK CARDS

Student
recording
sheet.

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COMMAS and Introductory Elements TASK CARDS

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Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

Which sentence uses the comma correctly?

- Ⓐ Because the bike, was in the street a car ran over it.
- Ⓑ Because, the bike was in the street a car ran over it.
- Ⓒ Because the bike was in the street, a car ran over it.

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Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

Where should a comma be placed in the sentence below?

Although Lynn would be tired in the morning she stayed up to watch the meteor shower.

- Ⓐ before she
- Ⓑ after tired
- Ⓒ no comma needed

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Commas and INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

Which sentence uses the comma correctly?

- Ⓐ Knowing her parents, were coming home Lily began to tidy up the house.
- Ⓑ Knowing her parents were coming home, Lily began to tidy up the house.
- Ⓒ Knowing her parents were coming home Lily began, to tidy up the house.

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SKETCH NOTES

GRAMMAR SKETCH NOTES

TEACHING NOTES:

Use the sample page to the right to guide students' note-taking.

At the top of the page, the students will write the definition and function of introductory elements.

On the left-hand side, students will write the definitions for a word, a phrase, and a clause.

There is a sample sentence for each type of series. Students will add the comma and underline introductory elements (word, phrase, clause).

Students will then write their own sentences with a respective introductory element.

Students will write "after a..." (word, phrase, clause commas).

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WORD A single word, often adverbs, but can also be adjectives, interjections, or verbs	→ Unfortunately, the city had to cancel the parade once it started to rain. Luckily, Raquel had an umbrella in the trunk of her car.	after a... ← word
PHRASE A group of words that contains a subject or a predicate, but not both. -CANNOT stand alone.	→ To stay in shape for the Olympics, the athletes must train every day. Before the election, Major Berkley campaigned all over the city.	after a... ← phrase
CLAUSE A group of words that contains both a subject and a predicate. -CAN stand alone.	→ After the movie ended, Sebastian ate dinner at the Italian restaurant. Once the rain begins, the street vendors will pack up their goods.	after a... ← clause

COMMAS & INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

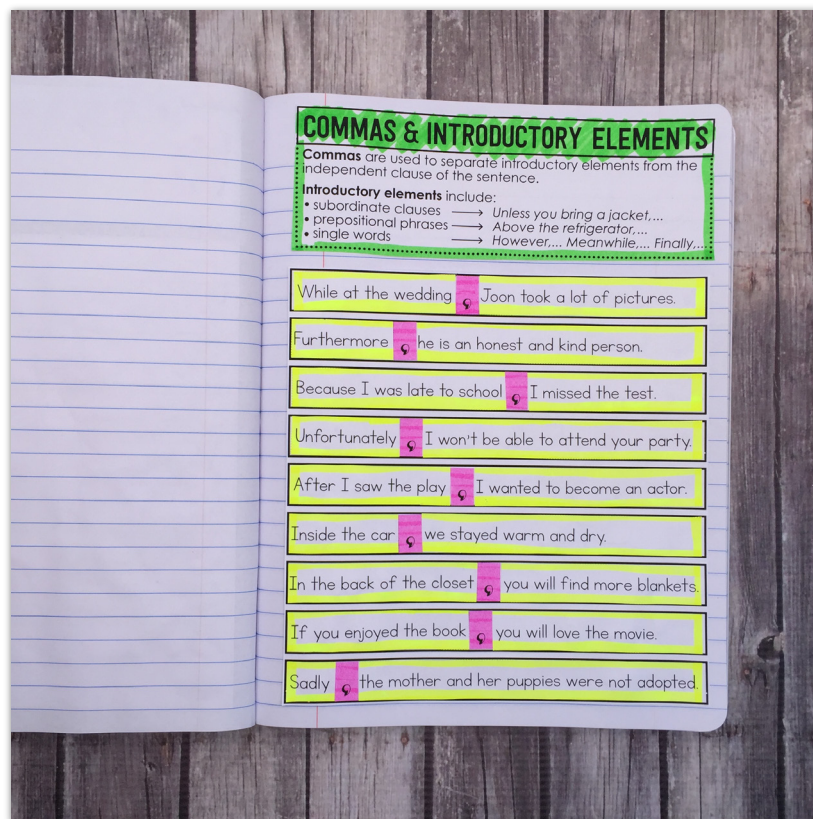
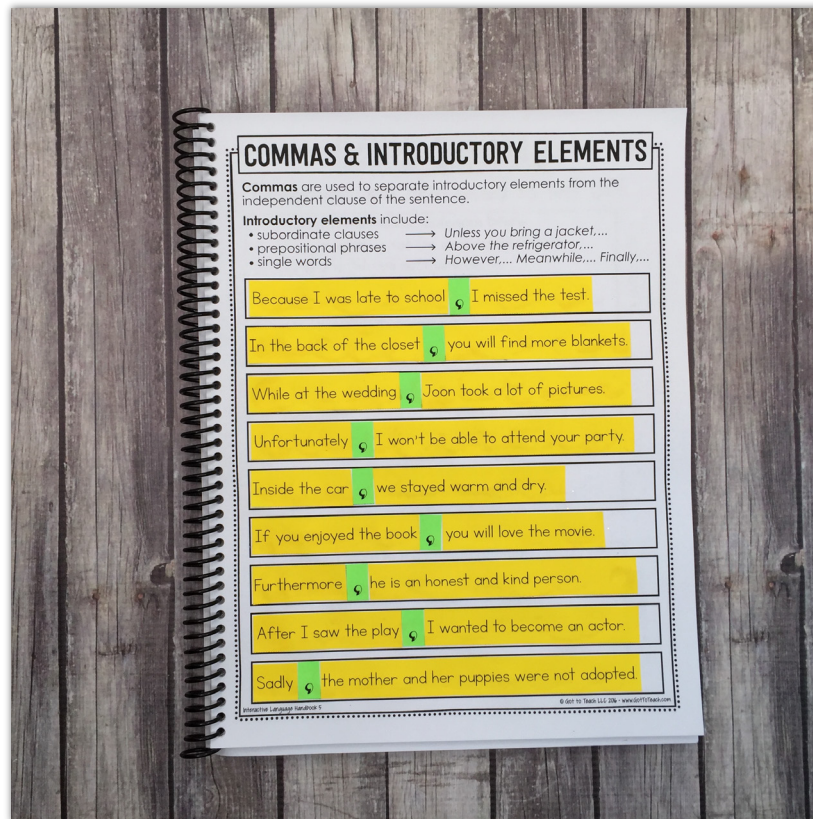
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BONUS: INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK ACTIVITY



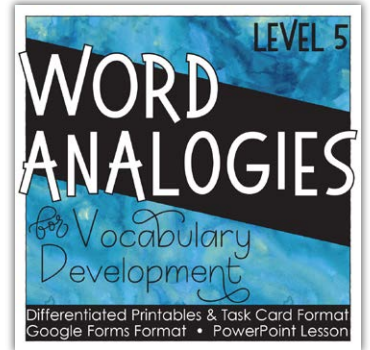
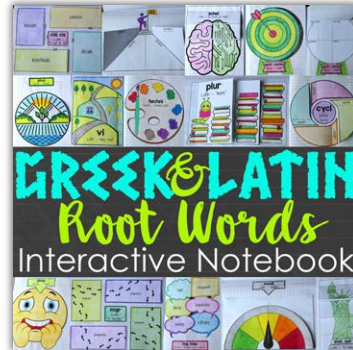
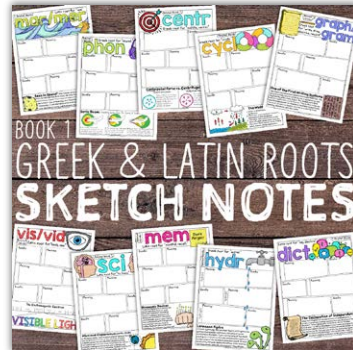
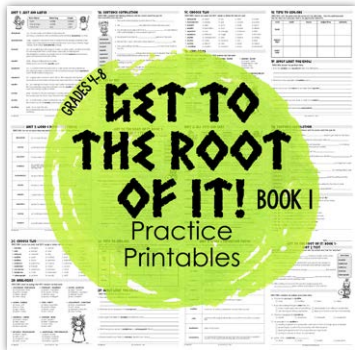


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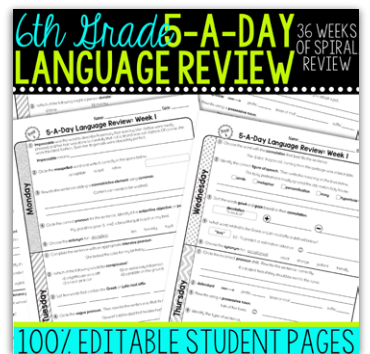
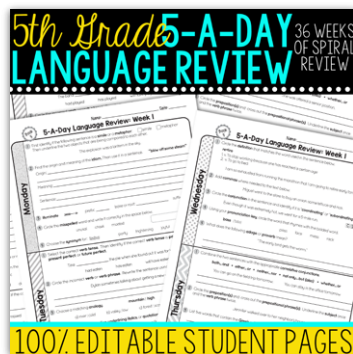
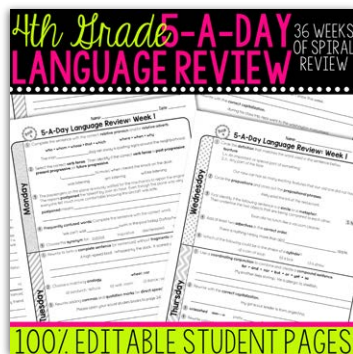
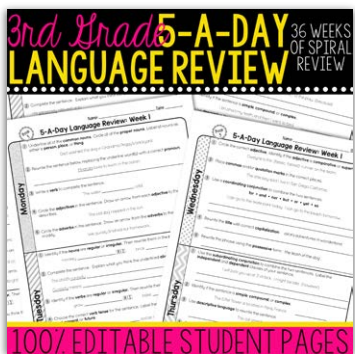


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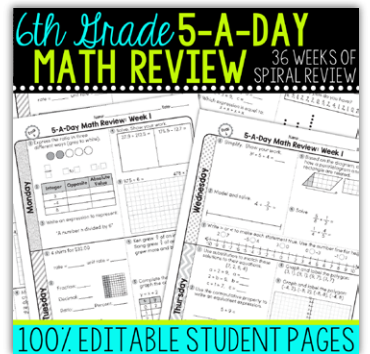
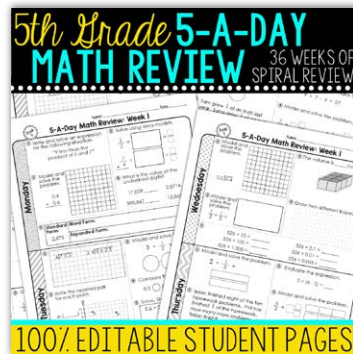
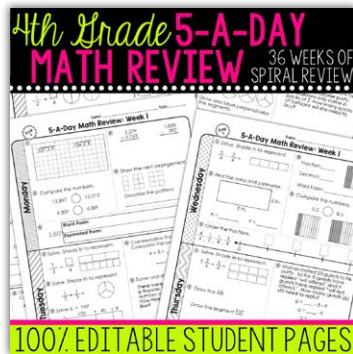
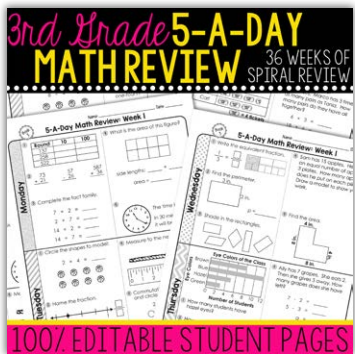
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