4 MAIN USES OF COMMAS

The Main Uses of Commas in a Sentence Are

- **Items in a series**
  - apples, pears, and peaches

- **To set off introductions**
  - Despite coffee, I dislike mornings.

- **To set-off extra description**
  - He, in my opinion, is the best candidate.

- **He ran fast, leaping over the ground.**

- **With coordinating conjunctions** (fanboys)
  - He likes coffee, but she likes tea.

- **HOT WEV E R**, simple conjunctions don’t need commas.
  - He likes peanut butter and jelly.

**Other uses of commas:**

- **in dates, addresses, place name, and long numbers:**
  - The President lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C.

- **to separate two or more adjectives:**
  - The girl was fond of her little, black kitten.

- **to set off a direct quotation:**
  - He said, "What goes around comes around."

**FANBOYS**

- For: reason;
- And: addition;
- Nor: negative alternatives;
- But: opposition, contrast;
- Or: affirmative alternatives;
- Yet: opposition, contrast;
- So: result.