

Commas With Conjunctive Adverbs (THAMOs)

Rule: When a **THAMO** falls in between two complete sentences, it should start after a period/semicolon and be followed by a comma.

Explanation: Words like *thus*, *however*, and other conjunctive adverbs (**THAMOs**) can't combine two sentences into one with commas. Instead, they serve as transition words between independent clauses that have a period/semicolon in between them. THAMOs that follow a period/semicolon almost always require a comma right after them.

Example:

Dave likes bananas . However , he wasn't in the mood for one today.
Independent Clause period THAMO comma Independent Clause

List of Common THAMOs

Accordingly Again Also As a result Besides	Consequently For example Finally Furthermore Hence	However In addition Incidentally Indeed In fact	Meanwhile Moreover Namely Nevertheless Of course	Otherwise Still Then Therefore Thus
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Rule: When a **THAMO** is the last word in a sentence, place a comma before it.

Explanation: Conjunctive adverbs (**THAMOs**) like *thus* and *however* usually come right before or after a comma. If a THAMO ends a sentence, the comma must come before.

Example:

Dave likes bananas

Independent Clause

.

period

He wasn't in the mood for one today

Independent Clause

,

comma

however.

THAMO

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Fix any punctuation or capitalization errors below:

Alfredo whipped up some pancakes for the entire family;
Meanwhile, his sister was out for a morning jog.

Alfredo whipped up some pancakes for the entire family;
meanwhile, his sister was out for a morning jog.

Rachel Chu did not like peanut butter in fact she didn't
like any food that was the color brown.

Rachel Chu did not like peanut butter; in fact, she didn't
like any food that was the color brown.

Fix any punctuation or capitalization errors below:

Prince decided to dig a well in her backyard however, she realized she did not own a shovel.

Prince decided to dig a well in her backyard; however, she realized she did not own a shovel.

Steven likes the flannel shirts lumberjacks wear. He doesn't want to chop down trees however.

Steven likes the flannel shirts lumberjacks wear. He doesn't want to chop down trees, however.

Noah uses email , but he also likes to text. He sends hundreds to his cousin every week in fact.

Noah uses email but he also likes to text. He sends hundreds to his cousin every week, in fact.