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.

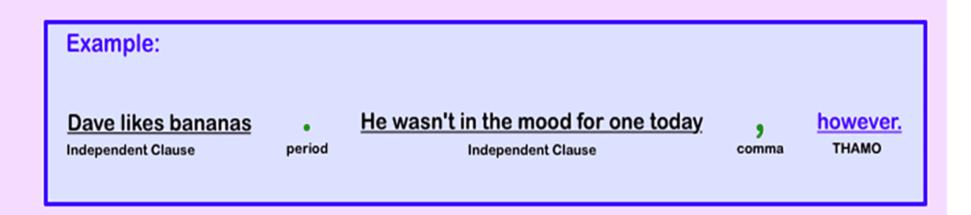


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Rule: When a **THAMO** is the last word in a sentence, place a comma before it.

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.



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When a conjunctive adverb ("THAMO") interrupts a single thought, place a comma on both sides.



THAMOs (which stands for Therefore, However, Also, Moreover, Otherwise) are conjunctions that link two complete thoughts.

When a conjunctive adverb falls between two complete thoughts, place a semicolon on one side and a comma on the other.

Mark really likes bananas	;	however	,	he's not in the mood for one now.
complete thought	semicolon	THAMO	comma	complete thought

"THAMOs" should always be separated from the surrounding text by commas and/or semicolons.

Margot loves apple pie; she doesn't like it with ice cream, however.

Margot loves apple pie; she, however, doesn't like it with ice cream.

Margot loves apple pie; however, she doesn't like it with ice cream.

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.