

# Direct Address and Tag Questions

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Grammar: Commas and  
Semicolons

Commas are used to set off names that indicate direct address, or someone being spoken to. If the name appears in the middle of the sentence, commas should be placed both before and after it.

Commas are also used to set off short questions that appear at the end of sentences.

**direct address**                      **tag question**

Class, take out your history books, would you please?

## Thinking Questions

*Is there a name in the sentence that shows someone is being addressed? Is there a short question joined on to the end of a sentence?*

**Rewrite each sentence with the correct punctuation.**

1. "Please pass me the index cards Roberto."
2. "I want to get started on my research don't you?"
3. "Tara said the paper is due tomorrow Bill."
4. "I need to find one more web site Andrea before I can begin to write."
5. "You should have all your research done by now shouldn't you?"
6. "I have Henry and I have found out a lot about Molly Pitcher and James Forten."