

Commas with Introductory Words and Phrases

- An **introductory word**, such as *meanwhile*, *well*, *yes*, or *no*, that begins a sentence is usually followed by a comma.
- An **introductory phrase**, such as *a short while later*, is also usually followed by a comma.

Yes, I'll go with you.

Earlier today, he was not in the room.

Thinking Questions

Is there a word or phrase that begins the sentence? Is there a place in the sentence where I would naturally pause?

Write each sentence correctly, adding commas where they are needed.

1. Yes Dr. Winston will tell the story of his first fossil find.
2. Well the scientist thought he was extremely lucky to find the fossil.
3. After some time the museum hoped he would donate the fossil.
4. In the morning will you tell us about the new fossil exhibit?
5. No I have not seen the fossil of a dinosaur leg.