Commas before ending phrases or clauses

Ex:

(ending phrase) We went home at 6:00<u>, just</u> <u>before sunrise</u>.

(ending clause) We left the beach after that<u>,</u> <u>since our friends were already</u> <u>gone.</u>

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- **A:** Read the first sentence please.
- **B:** We went home at 6:00, just before sunrise.
- A: Why is there a comma after 6:00?
- **B:** Because the rest of the sentence is just a phrase.
- A: And the rule?
- **B:** You use a comma before an ending phrase.
- A: Read the second sentence, please?
- **B:** We left the beach after that, since our friends were already gone.
- A: Why did you join two sentences with a comma? You know you can't do that.
- **B:** Because . . . it's not two sentences. Look at the second part. It's not a whole sentence.
- A: It's not?
- B: Listen to it: Since our friends were



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