

Commas before ending phrases or clauses

Ex:

(ending phrase)

We went home at 6:00, just before sunrise.

(ending clause)

We left the beach after that, since our friends were already gone.

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*

