



# Literacy Gem One

## Punctuation Rules!

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I like  
cooking my family  
and my pets.

**Use commas.**  
**Don't be a psycho.**





**Splat the rat!**

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Can you remember what they are?

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# Literacy Gem Two

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## 1) Man eating chicken

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Man-eating chicken.



Commas matter.

How does the meaning change?

## 2) Let's eat grandma



Let's eat Grandma!



Let's eat, Grandma!



Let's eat!



Commas matter.

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3) I'm sorry I love you.

4) Private. No visitors allowed!



How does the meaning change?

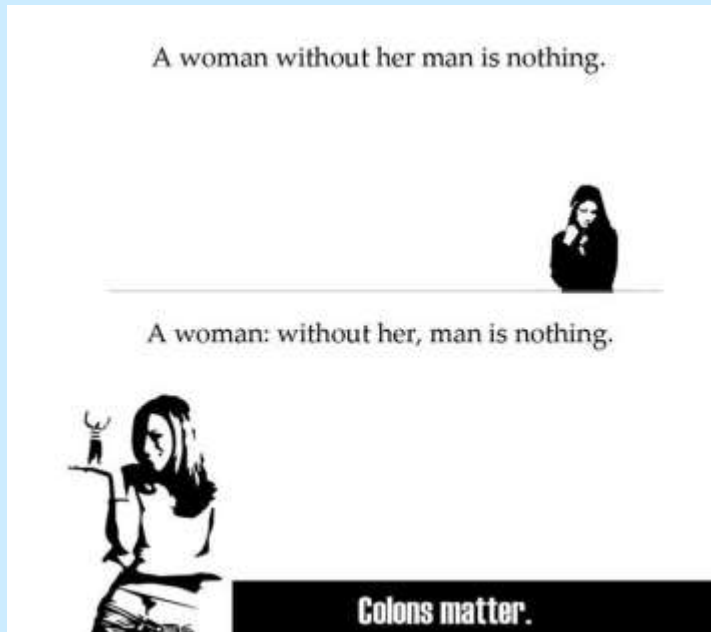




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5) A woman without her man is nothing.



How does the meaning change?

Can you come up with one of your own?

