

Special Edition: National Punctuation Day

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Commas do a lot of heavy lifting, grammatically speaking. For National Punctuation Day 2019, let's look at how they're used to punctuate the expression of dates and addresses.

Dates

In the good old American *month-day-year* style of date expression, insert a comma both before and after the year to set off the date within a sentence:

He was born on June 27, 1981, in New York City.

If you're using the *day-month-year* or *month-year* style or referring to a specific day (such as a holiday) and a year, skip the commas:

The conference is scheduled for 15 March 2020 in Orlando.

The August 2007 incident is well-documented in the literature.

Christmas 1976 was cold and snowy.

Addresses and place-names

Use commas to set off the individual elements of addresses and place-names within a sentence:

Reply to 135 Fairview Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49515, by April 15.

However, as shown in the example above, do not include a comma between a street name and an abbreviation or before a postal code.

More examples:

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the home of the Liberty Bell.

Our plane landed in Bangkok, Thailand, that evening.

We hope you have a great National Punctuation Day!

And please remember, *when it has to be right*, KB COMM is here to help.

Sincerely,

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