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Not including commas can dramatically alter the meaning of sentences. Sometimes, using fewer commas can increase mortality rates, as evident from the two examples shared below.

Catherine: “**Let’s eat grandpa.**” (Incorrect! Most people do not eat their grandparents and Catherine is no exception.)

Catherine: “**Let’s eat, grandpa.**” (Correct! Catherine expresses her desire to have food with her grandfather.)

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