GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT CARDS

Use a **FANBOYS** comma to <u>separate two independent clauses</u> joined by a <u>conjunction</u>. Commas are used to join one independent clause (a group of words with a subject, verb, and completer) to another independent clause within a sentence. If the sentence has two independent clauses, join them by placing a comma after the first part of the sentence and follow it with a coordinating conjunction such as "and" or "but." Coordinating conjunctions include *and, or, for, so, nor, but, yet.*

Use an **INTRO** comma after an <u>introductory phrase</u>. A comma follows a phrase or a clause at the beginning of a sentence that depends on the next clause of the sentence, which is independent, to make sense.

Use **OXFORD** commas to separate items in a <u>list</u>. These items could be adjectives or nouns. The comma known as the Oxford Comma is technically optional. When dividing a list of items, the Oxford Comma is the final comma in a list of subject words, following the second to last item which usually precedes "<u>*and*</u>."