1. A **pair** of commas is also used to set off phrases expressing **contrast**.

   I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.

   A person’s character, not their appearance, is what counts.

   I was born to poor, but honest, parents.

2. A comma is used to separate **coordinate adjectives**. These are adjectives that have an **equal** relationship to the noun they modify. There are two tests to identify coordinate adjectives: they can be reversed, and *and* can be inserted between them. Commas are **not** used if one adjective is more closely related than the other to the noun.

   These sentences contain **coordinate** adjectives:

   He is an honest, loyal friend.

   Those are ugly, smelly gym shoes.

   These sentences contain adjectives which are **not** coordinate:

   I need some blue dress shoes.

   He is an honest presidential candidate.

**Practice**

Add commas where necessary for contrast or for coordinate adjectives.

1. The clear crisp air I smell on the golf course always takes me away to a more relaxing and slow-paced world.

2. We have a local volunteer ambulance service.

3. The loyal dedicated people who work at these facilities deserve our thanks.

4. Living in a dorm has made me a more mature independent person.

5. Some neighbors are loud and obnoxious while others are kind and quiet.

6. I quit playing high school ball not because my girlfriend wanted me to but because I wanted to spend more time with her.