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**Use a comma after a dependent clause that starts a sentence.**

Example: "When I went running, I saw a duck."

A dependent clause is not a complete sentence.

It depends on the rest of the sentence.

Commas always follow these clauses at the start of a sentence. If a dependent clause ends the sentence, however, it no longer requires a comma. Only use a comma to separate a dependent clause at the end of a sentence for added emphasis, usually when negation occurs.