

A Gapping Comma



The gapping comma helps to avoid repeating certain words or phrases. If a sentence is perfectly clear, you may not need to use the gapping comma.

Some students wanted to watch Dracula; others wanted to watch The Mummy.

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I like to read fantasy and science fiction; my sister likes to read crime and mystery.

I like to read fantasy and science fiction; my sister, crime and mystery.

The older students decided to play soccer; the younger students decided to play dodgeball.

The older students decided to play soccer; the younger, dodgeball.