Period

-A period is the most basic of punctuation marks. Periods are used within quotation marks. Periods are used after titles and as part of an abbreviation.

Colon

-Colons are used between clauses (has both a subject and a verb) that are closely linked in topic.

-Colons introduce items in a series. Colons can introduce long quotations from other works.

Rule #1: USE COMMAS FOR ITEMS IN A SERIES

What is a phrase again? -A group of words that does not have a S & V together. It cannot stand alone.

What is a clause again? -A group of words with a S & V. It can stand alone.

Rule #2: USE COMMAS TO SEPARATE 2 OR MORE ADJECTIVES BEFORE A NOUN

-Pomeranians are small, energetic dogs.
-These intelligent, loyal, playful, pets always enjoy a challenge.

Rule #3: COMPOUND SENTENCES- USE A COMMA BEFORE A COORDINATING CONJUNCTION WHEN JOINING INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

Fanboys

-For
-And
-Nor
-But
-Or
-Yet
-So