**Writing Opinion Essays**

**Editing** Commas with Intro Words

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**Use commas with introductory words.**

Add a comma after each introductory word group.

1. During the winter polar bears hunt for seals on ice floes.

2. In the summer and fall they live off the fat from the seals.

3. Because the ice is melting so fast the polar bear’s hunting season is getting shorter.

4. Sadly the shorter hunting season weakens the polar bears.

5. As females become weaker their ability to reproduce declines.

6. When polar bears get hungry they may look for food in villages and towns.

7. In 2008 the Alaskan polar bear was listed as a threatened species.

8. Understandably environmentalists are happy with the listing.

9. Even though polar bears are stronger swimmers they can swim only so far for food.

10. By the end of this century the only polar bears may be in zoos.

**Check commas in your essay.**

Review your opinion essay for commas after introductory words, phrases, and clauses.