Commas and Introductory Clauses

Make sure this rule is followed when you check your work.

Whenever an introductory clause begins with these words, use a comma after a clause:

after, although, as because, if, since, when, while

Examples:

Although it was cold, the student walked outside without her coat.

After the rain, everyone came out to play.

If you want to succeed, you must never stop trying.

As it was lunchtime, the students were allowed to use their phones.

Because the schedule changed, the students have to get to the bus stop earlier.

While she waited for her mother to pick her up, Mary practiced her violin.

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