

Commas with Multiple Adjectives

To figure out whether or not you need commas, try these two tests.

Can you add “and”
between the words?

YES, use commas

Example

Spot is a loyal, friendly, faithful dog.
Spot is a loyal and friendly and faithful dog.

No, don't use commas

Example

Five new shiny red cars sped by.
Five and shiny and new and red cars sped by.

Can you switch the
words around?

YES, use commas

Example

Spot is a loyal, friendly, faithful dog.
Spot is a friendly, faithful, loyal dog.

No, don't use commas

Example

Five new shiny red cars sped by.
Red new five shiny cars sped by.

Make sure to try them in every order.
If you need commas, they should
work in every order you can place
them.