Contrasting Elements or a Tag Question

You will place a comma near the end of a sentence in order to separate the sentence from its contrasted coordinate elements. You may also place the comma between the sentence and a tag question. These types of usage allow for a more clear reading of the sentence.

Contrasting Element
Example:

1. The children were hungry, not despondent.
2. On long car trips, it was the adults, not the children, who demanded frequent stops.

Tag Question
Example:

1. You have taken French, haven’t you?
2. He sounded professional, didn’t he?