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Applesoft BASIC comma formatting is only available for screen output. Comma formatting is not intended for printer output, and, with some combinations of a printer and its interface card, commas produce unwanted results such as misaligned fields.

To tab for printer output, use the command POKE 36,POS.

For example, these commands send the data in A, B, and C for printing in columns starting at 10, 30, and 50:

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...
100 POKE 36,10:PRINT A; : REM Go to column 10 and print A
110 POKE 36,30:PRINT B; : REM Column 30, print B
120 POKE 36,50:PRINT C : REM Last tab - no semicolon ends line
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