

Using Commas to Set Off Non-essential Elements - Key

Uses Commas Correctly

Uses Commas Incorrectly

Bonny Shen, who was offered scholarships to two different colleges, will go to Vanderbilt in the fall.

Lake Chad, covering an area of about six thousand square miles is West Africa's largest body of water.

Donna, who has divorced her last three husbands, has decided to get married for the fourth time.

Employees, who always have a ready smile, make the job seem easier.

My wife, following my mother's family recipe, finally succeeding in making lemon-drop pound cake.

She loves to wear that blouse, that she received on her birthday.

Both children, terrified by the horror movie, jumped into their father's lap.

People, who suffer from anxiety disorders, may not make the best teachers.

The budding poet took his work to his junior English teacher, who was thought to be the authority on poetry in the school.

The festival which lasts for five days, usually does not count as excused absences from school.

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Lesson 9.14.6

Apostrophes

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Lesson 14.6, Exercise 1

1. ~~Weve~~ all heard of pioneering woman pilots, such as Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman. **We've**
2. ~~Womens~~ contributions as World War II pilots are less well known. **Women's**
3. The WASP program was Jackie ~~Cochrans~~ idea, and the credit for starting it is hers. **Cochran's**
4. Do you spell *Cochran* with two ~~es~~? **c's**
5. If ~~youre~~ wondering what WASP stands for, ~~its~~ "Women Airforce Service Pilots." **you're, it's**
6. The ~~programs~~ start was triggered by ~~Americas~~ wartime shortage of male pilots, the flyers who had traditionally delivered our ~~factories~~ flood of planes to the airfields. **program's, America's, factories'**
7. ~~Everyones~~ problem became ~~someones~~ opportunity. **Everyone's, someone's**
8. If it ~~hadnt~~ been for this, women probably ~~wouldnt~~ have had a chance to fly military aircraft. **hadn't, wouldn't**
9. That ~~groups~~ thousand pilots ferried aircraft, tested planes, and even towed targets for artillery practice. **group's**
10. These brave women flew in the ~~country's~~ service and deserve our respect and yours. **country's**

Lesson 14.6, Exercise 2

¹"We thought wed died and gone to heaven," one WASP later said of these womens² service. ²Their's was a dangerous duty, however, and thirty-eight of the women did die in Americas³ service. ³One WASP accompanied her roommate's⁴ body home for burial. ⁴She had to tell the young woman's⁵ parents of her death because of these pilot's⁵ lack of official military status. ⁵Sacrifices such as her's⁵ surely deserved military honors, such as draping an American flag over her coffin.

1. I'm going to give a nine week's exam, but it won't be too hard.
2. Most students passed English 9, and others did not unfortunately.
3. It was a sunny, hot, humid day in July.
4. Ted wants a wristwatch, an electric razor, and a knife for Christmas.
5. Bob and Martha loved their tall, stately Christmas tree.
6. Santa landed on the roof knocking off most of the accumulated snow. NO COMMA
7. To be honest, I don't know why Santa leaves presents for children.
8. Spice Tea, which is a great favorite this time of year, is easy to make.
9. Celine Dion, the greatest singer in the world, is hosting *Saturday Night Live* this week.
10. A minister, Al Green, is also a well-known recording artist.
11. Well, there's no arguing about a person's taste in music.
12. Lily, the wife of Charles, wanted to go to Tahiti.
13. Rose, on the other hand, wanted to go to Sri Lanka.
14. To those outside the house seemed deserted. NO COMMA NEEDED
15. During the afternoon of the day of the game, we made a big banner.
16. Purring, the kitten curled up in my lap.
17. Sitting in a tree, my little sister called down to us.
18. Until she arrived, I thought that no one was coming to my party.
19. Although Joe seemed to be guilty, he was truly an innocent man.
20. *The Shawshank Redemption*, in my opinion, is a great film.
21. Ronnie, not Betty, spent most of her time dating Archie.
22. My father's full name is Joe Bunyan Thompson, Jr.
23. Emily and I were married on June 12, 1999, in Brewton, Alabama.
24. David intends to clean his house in January 2000. NO COMMA NEEDED
25. Would you like to buy a donut, Reggie?
26. You won't repeat that phrase, will you?
27. We visited Miami, and then we visited Montreal, Canada.
28. This sentence, I hope, will help you with the definition of parenthetical expressions.
29. Edgar Allan Poe, a well-known poet and short story writer, wrote the poem "The Raven."
30. When I get to town, I will finish my shopping.
31. His name is Jim Wright, Jr. and he loves to play Uno.
- ~~32. No, I will not go to see Toy Story 2 with you.~~
33. She wanted a new dress for the prom, but her mother didn't want her to go.

I. **Semicolons:** Write the word that needs a semicolon behind it in the blank. If a sentence does not need a semicolon, just leave the space blank or write a C in the blank. 2 pts each.

- ___late;___ 1. I'm sure the McGuires will be late they're always late.
- ___Texas;_____ 2. We have lived in Dallas, Texas Stow, Ohio and Sioux City, Iowa.
- ___Ohio;_____
- ___invited;_____ 3. The whole family was invited however, the Iowa relatives can't come.
- ___ready;_____ 4. Sue, Tad, and I are ready but Gary, as usual, needs more time.
- ___skating;_____ 5. We could go skating on the other hand, we haven't visited Nana yet.
- ___job;_____ 6. Victor has never had a job his parents give him everything.
- ___redhead;_____ 7. The finalists were Cary, a redhead Lou, a brunette and Dena, a blonde.
- ___brunette;_____
- ___came;_____ 8. Pat, Mark, and Joe came but Lance, the guest of honor, did not come.
- ___long;_____ 9. The rain didn't last long however, it rained long enough to soak us.
- ___decorations;_____ 10. We hung the decorations we arranged the flowers on the tables.
- ___weeded;_____ 11. The perennial garden must be weeded the annual one must be replanted.
- ___PA;_____ 12. In 1985 Pittsburgh, PA Boston, MA and Raleigh, NC, were rated good places to live.
- ___MA;_____
- ___NC;_____
- ___Africa;_____ 13. Malawi is in southeastern Africa Malaysia is in southeast Asia.
- ___Eliot;_____ 14. She wrote as George Eliot however, her real name was Mary Ann Evans.
- ___staples;_____ 15. Use nails, screws, or staples but for added strength, glue first.
- ___I;_____ 16. Do the easier questions in Part I then try a couple from Part II.
- ___doctor;_____ 17. Mystery shrouded Mr.X, a doctor Ms.Y, a lawyer and Mr.Z, an actor.
- ___lawyer;_____
- ___prop;_____ 18. The cast searched for the missing prop meanwhile, the band played.
- ___morning;_____ 19. We planned to leave Tuesday morning in fact, we got started Monday.
- ___year;_____ 20. The football team did very well this year the track team did not.

I. **Colons:** Write the word that needs a colon behind it in the blank. If a sentence does not need a colon, then simply leave it blank or write a C in the blank. 2 points each.

- ___ easy: _____ 1. Woodworking is easy you just need a little patience and skill.
- ___ quotation: _____ 2. Abraham Lincoln said this famous quotation "Four score and seven years ago . . ."
- ___ C _____ 3. Early woodsmen used the clave, the shaving horse, and the framing bench.
- ___ 8:00 _____ 4. The dance begins at 800 in the evening, so you'd better pick me up on time!
- ___ advice: _____ 5. Mark Twain gave this advice "When in doubt, tell the truth."
- ___ Thompson: _____ 6. Dear Mr. Thompson Will you please stop making us read *The Miracle Worker*?
- ___ 3:16 _____ 7. The preacher based his sermon upon the book of Matthew 3 16.
- ___ parts: _____ 8. The movie had three exciting parts the car chase, the murder, and the explosion.
- ___ angry: _____ 9. The teacher must have really been angry he called every single student's guardians.
- ___ today: _____ 10. Don't tell me I have detention today I already have baseball practice.
- ___ school: _____ 11. You need the following supplies for school glue, scissors, paper, and energy.
- ___ child: _____ 12. I wish my parents had more than one child they worry too much about me.
- ___ C _____ 13. The best sources of protein are soybeans, wheat germ, and whole grains.
- ___ 7:30 _____ 14. His plane arrives at 730 in the evening in Montgomery.
- ___ quotation: _____ 15. Who said the following quotation "Well, isn't that special?"
- ___ Snow: _____ 16. Dear Mrs. Snow I want to thank you for your gift.
- ___ 7:20 - 24 _____ 17. Please open your Bible to Genesis 7 20-24.
- ___ things: _____ 18. I want you to do three things shut up, sit down, and take your test.
- ___ off: _____ 19. They must have really hit it off they got married in Vegas three days after the first date.
- ___ today: _____ 20. Please don't bother me today I didn't drink any coffee this morning.

Subject/Verb Agreement 1 - Key

Name:
Teacher:

Class:
Date:

1. have (mistakes)
2. has (every)
3. hurts (something)
4. C
5. C (none of the students)
6. get (sisters)
7. provides (active participation)
8. are (vase and statuette)
9. C
10. takes (It)
11. exercise (runners)
12. have (people)
13. spends (family)
14. are (ice cream and cookies)
15. represent (all of the exhibits)
16. is (Three Sisters, Inc.)
17. help (repetitions)
18. C (knowledge)
19. is (gardenia bush)
20. C
21. is (sword)
22. C
23. registers (every)
24. C
25. is (the number)

Subject-Verb Agreement Key

(Indefinite Pronouns)

1. is

2. has

3. were

4. weren't

5. goes

6. Correct

7. look

8. Correct

9. contain

10. Correct

11. were

12. Correct

PARALLEL STRUCTURE

Name:
Teacher:

Class:
Date:

Directions: Circle whether or not the sentence uses parallel structure. If the sentence does NOT use parallel structure, rewrite it so that it is parallel.

PARALLEL or NOT PARALLEL 1. Last summer, I went hiking, stayed in a tent, and I saw a snake.

Last summer, I went hiking, stayed in a tent, and saw a snake.

PARALLEL or NOT PARALLEL 2. That football game was exciting, exhilarating, and a thrill to watch!

That football game was exciting, exhilarating, and thrilling!

PARALLEL or NOT PARALLEL 3. Julie's favorite bugs are grasshoppers, ants, and crickets.
Correct as is.

PARALLEL or NOT PARALLEL 4. Mark's teacher asked him to clean out his desk, pick up trash, and to sharpen all the pencils.

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PARALLEL or NOT PARALLEL 5. When Harry went to the circus last week, he was amazed by the loud cannon, colossal elephants wearing hats, and clowns riding unicycles.

When Harry went to the circus last week, he was amazed by the loud cannon firing away, colossal elephants wearing hats, and clowns riding unicycles.

PARALLEL or NOT PARALLEL 6. My mom told me I was grounded because I stayed up too late, did not finish my homework last week, and forgot to complete my chores.

Correct as is.