

8 Comma Rules

(Practice Quiz)

Directions: Add commas to the following sentences where needed.

Section 1: *Lists of three or more.*

1. My three favorite foods are pasta pizza and ice cream.
2. I need to call Sally Tom Brad and Kelly about the party.
3. The brown fluffy large dog ran across the street.
4. I have to run to the store get my hair cut and pick up the kids from daycare.
5. Jessica sings with power passion and strength.
6. The colors of the sunset include red orange yellow and pink.

Section 2: *Separating Independent Clauses.*

1. I like to run but not when it's hot.
2. We can go to the grocery store or we can go to the mall.
3. I do not want a dog nor do I want a cat.
4. Karen wants to go to the farm yet her sister does not like farms.
5. We will go to the grocery store for we are out of food.
6. The car needs repairs but we cannot afford the costs.

Section 3: *Separating Independent and Dependent Clauses.*

1. When I get to the mall I will go to the food court.
2. After ten minutes I asked the nurse about the medicine.
3. Because the car broke down I had to call for help.
4. When the flight lands I will hug my family.
5. Until the gas prices go down I will work two jobs.

Section 4: *Separating phrases that are not essential from the rest of the sentence.*

1. Tomorrow Wednesday we will take a trip to the zoo.

2. My brother a 22 year old male graduated from college today.
3. I like video games but my sister on the other hand does not.
4. You however are very sunburned.
5. John for example likes to work.

Section 5: Using commas to separate quotes.

1. “Gas is too expensive” said the experienced driver.
2. “Ouch” screamed the boy after he was stung by a bee.
3. The sister told the brother “of course I will pick you up.”
4. “Ready, Set, Go” yelled the mom before the treasure hunt.
5. The crowd cheered “Happy Birthday” as the party started.
6. “Yes” said the girl to her mother “I am on my way home.”

Section 6: Introductory Elements.

1. Yes we can find a place for you to stay over the weekend.
2. I’m sorry I did not understand what you said.
3. Excuse me you left your bag on the counter.
4. Wait I think we need to make a left turn up ahead.
5. Unfortunately my favorite flavor was sold out.
6. Well you can call again tomorrow to see if Mr. Roberts is in.

Section 7: Separating towns, states, and countries.

1. Paris France is my favorite place to visit.
2. The capital of the United States is Washington D.C.
3. Taylor Lives in Nashville TN.

Section 8: Separating days and months.

1. Today is Tuesday June 10th 1992.
2. The Summer Olympics will begin on Friday August 8th 2008.
3. His Birthday is on February 23rd 1972.

Answers

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