Punctuation Quiz

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.

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.

Section 3: Separating Independent and Dependent Clauses.

1. When the flight lands I will hug my family.
2. 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 James Patterson graduated from college today.

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.

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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.

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.

Section 8: Separating days and months.

1. Today is Tuesday June 10th 1992.
2. The Summer Olympics will begin on Friday August 8th 2008.

Section 9: Read the following sentences.

Place the hyphen in the correct place to make the sentence make sense.

1. The load bearing wall is important to the structure of the house.
2. The dog friendly hotel was located just two miles from the park.
3. This cake is rock hard and impossible to enjoy.
4. Fast acting medication can hit you very hard if you are not careful.

Section 10: Directions: Use a semicolon in the appropriate place to combine the following independent clauses.

1) I want to wear the red shirt my favorite color is red.
2) Janie easily got an A on the test she studies very hard.

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Section 11: Directions: Use a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb to combine the following independent clauses.

1) I am really tired however I cannot get to sleep.

2) I am wearing a sweater and a jacket therefore I am cold.

3) Our mission seemed impossible nevertheless we tried our best to accomplish it.

Section 12: Rewrite the sentences using correct punctuation and capitalization

1. when we were reading the book gone with the wind my teacher said this is an advanced book but you can read it without any problems

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2. there are three things we need to buy at the grocery store shampoo soap and toothpaste

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3. my friend said first we have to stop in atlanta georgia to buy a copy of the newspaper the atlanta daily

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