

Comma Worksheet Key

Using your notes on comma rules, place the commas in the appropriate place in the examples below.

1. Ted wants to study this morning, but he plans to jog first. (**Run – On**)
2. The high school baseball season ends in late July, and football practice begins in early August. (**Run – On**)
3. The tall, dark-haired and exotic-looking young star captured the hearts of the audience. (**Series**)
4. The limping, exhausted runner could hardly finish the marathon. (**Series**)
5. In front of the long column of troops on the field, the general introduced his successor. (**Sen. Starts with more than one prep. Phrase.**)
6. I simply do not agree, you realize, with your argument. (**Parenthetical expression**)
7. State Highway 101, expanded to two lanes in 1953, needs to be widened to at least four lanes. (**Unessential Clause**)
8. Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India, on December 30, 1865. (**Separate conventional items**)
9. They camped in Calgary, Alberta, Canada last summer. (**Separate conventional items**)
10. On May 1, 2007, he began work as a landscaper; she as a dental hygienist. (**Separate conventional items**)
11. When I asked my father for advice, he told me I was old enough to make my own decisions. (**Comma after opening Subordinate clause**)
12. Reaching the platform, Congressman Brooks, the featured speaker, waved to the crowd. (**Opening participial phrase**) (**Appositive**)
13. A monthly newsletter is published by the American Civil Liberties Union, 22 East 40th Street, New York, NY, 10016. (**Separate conventional items**)
14. W. H. Auden, the noted poet, was born in York, England on February 21, 1907. (**Appositive**) (**Separate conventional items**)
15. Well, in spite of the large number of items, I can consider your suggestions by the end of the week. (**Parenthetical expression, 2 prep. Phrases**)
16. If you see my mother, the woman who usually sits at the receptionist's desk, please tell her I will be home late. (**Opening sub. Clause, Appositive**)
17. How are you, Sir? (**Addressing someone**)
18. In the end I decided not to go. (**Correct-No comma after one prepositional phrase**)