Comma Rules



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- I. Three or more items in a Series
- II. Compound Sentence (Comma + FANBOYS)
- **III. Introductory Elements**
 - A. Dependent Clause
 - **B. Succession Prepositional Phrases**
 - C. Participial Phrase

Set Two

- **IV. Nonessential Elements**
 - A. Noun of Address
 - **B. Nonessential Participial Phrase**
 - **C.** Appositive
 - **D. Parenthetical Expression**
 - **E. Nonessential Clause**
 - **F. Contrasting Element**

Set Three

- V. Two or More Adjectives Preceding a Noun
- VI. Set off a Quote
- VII. Date
- **VIII. Geographical Information**
- IX. Essential Clause
- X. Essential Participial Phrase



- 1.Use commas to separate items in a series

 Ex: All of my cousins, aunts, and uncles came to our family reunion. (nouns)
 - My parents were excited, happy, and proud that so many people came. (adjectives)
 - The dog ran through the front door, down the hall, and into the kitchen. (phrases)

*If all items are joined by <u>and</u> or <u>or</u> do not use a comma—I need tacks and nails and a hammer.

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2.Use commas to separate two or more adjectives preceding a noun. Ex: Are you going to the cold, rainy football game?

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Commas in a Series and with Adjectives Quiz

3.Use a comma before <u>and, but, or, nor, for, so</u> and <u>yet</u> when they join independent clauses. (How to fix a run-on!)

Ex: Mara cleared the table, and Roland did the dishes. Roland cleared the table and did the dishes.

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4. Use commas after introductory words and phrases.

Ex: Yes, I am going to the game. Well, are you going? (word) Practice One

- By the end of the train ride, everyone was exhausted.
 (introductory prepositional phrase)
- When you see smoke, you know there is a fire. (introductory dependent clause)
- Switching on a flashlight, we realized that the tire was flat. (introductory participial phrase)

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Introductory Elements Quiz

5. Use commas to set off extra information.

A nonessential expression provides additional information about someone or something in a sentence. However, the nonessential expression can be left out without changing the meaning of the sentence.

Appositive	Essential	My sister Joanne went to the Nicollet Mall in Minnesota.				
	Nonessential	Joanne, my sister, went to the Nicollet Mall in Minnesota.				
Participial Phrase	Essential	The teacher wearing a blue dress took the students to the mall.				
	Nonessential	Mrs. Goff, wearing a blue dress, took the students to the mall.				
Adjective Clause	Essential	The mall that we enjoyed the most had three levels and a swimming pool.				
	Nonessential	The Pine-Woods Center, which was our favorite, had three levels and a swimming pool.				

- a. Use a comma to set off nonessential clauses and (clauses that add info that is not necessary to the main idea of the sentence and begin with the works who, whose, whom, which or that).
 - Ex: (Clause) Crystal Hudson, who is at the top of her class, wants to go to medical school.

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^{*}Essential clauses—All students whose names are on that list must report here.

b. Use commas to set off elements that interrupt the sentence Ex: Joyce, by the way, sends her love.

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c. Use commas to set off parenthetical expressions, which are side remarks that add information or relate ideas.

Ex: On the contrary, I am glad that you told me about the error.

- She will, I think, enjoy the play.
- d. Use commas to set off appositives.

Ex: My dog, an English Setter, is very gentle.

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e. Use a comma to set off nonessential participial phrases (phrases that add info that is not necessary to the main idea of the sentence).

Ex: (Clause) Crystal Hudson, who is at the top of her class, wants to go to medical school.

(Phrase) Romeo and Juliet, written by William Shakespeare, is a story of love at first sight.

Nonessential Elements Practice One

f. Use a comma when addressing someone using their name: Rebecca, will you see me after class? (Noun of Address) Practice One

g.Use commas to set off contrasting elements that use the word 'not':

Ex:

- Sandra, not her brother, plays soccer.
- English, not math, is my favorite subject.

6. Use commas to set off quotations.

Explanatory word before quote: comma goes outside ""

John said, "I will do my best."

Explanatory word after quote: comma goes inside ""

"I will do my best," said John.

Divided quote: inside/outside rule

"Mom," Emily yelled, "I want to go to the mall."

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7. Other rules:

Use commas in addresses after the town/city:

Ex: 2440 West Pine Street Mount Airy, NC 27030

When written in a sentence: Please mail the package to North Surry High School, 2440 West Pine Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Use commas in dates after the number:

Ex: December 25, 2002

When written in a sentence: On January 18, 2009, students will take their first exam.

The Three Most Commonly Used Rules

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Comma Rules Quiz



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Comma Practice



Practice One

- 1. Comma with a FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) to separate two complete sentences.
- 2. Commas in a series of three or more items (words, phrases, & clauses).
- 3. Comma between two or more adjectives.
- 4. Commas after Introductory Elements (words, phrases, or clauses that begin a sentence)

Part One- Type in the number of the comma rule (listed above 1-4) in the space provided.

Rule # Sentence

- 1.We tried to make a gingerbread house but the walls collapsed.
- 2. When my friend called I was in my room studying.
- 3.I can't stand the loud obnoxious ring of my alarm clock.
- 4. Joey Jeremy and Jordan were triplets.
- 5. While Corey studied his literary terms, I finished my grammar homework.
- 6. The tide came up and it washed away our sand castle.
- 7. Although we had hoped to visit the lighthouse, we were unable to go.
- 8. Therefore you must stay for tutoring two days a week.
- 9. He is a very popular musician for thousands of people showed up at his concert.
- 10. Jumping up and down screaming I cheered for Duke to win.

Comma Practice Two

Rules:

- 1- Three or more items in a series
- 2- Compound Sentence (Comma + FANBOYS + 2nd Complete Sentence)
- 3- Introductory Elements: Dependent Clause, Succession of Prepositional Phrases, and Participial Phrases.
- 1.I searched inside the car beneath the hood and under the car looking for the source of the rattling noise.
- 2.Lori is going home this weekend she has to attend a baby shower and a birthday party.
- 3. After the football game Dustin Tim and Wes are going to study for English.
- 4. Near a small stream at the end of the woods Cameron and Luke discovered a cub.
- 5.If we are going camping we need to take our tents cold weather gear food and firewood.
- 6. The girls use to go ride four-wheelers but they do not have time to go riding now.
- 7. When Codie walked into English he discovered he had to take a quiz.
- 8. Since the girls were caught passing notes Ms. York decided to move them.
- 9.Even though I did not do well on my first literary term quiz I managed to make better grades on my other quizzes.
- 10.I sent Jennie Eric and Bill to the store and they came back with half of the items that I had asked them to pick up.
- 11.Buried under all the clutter he found his homework that was due last week.
- 12.If I clean my room may I go to the movies with my friends?
- 13. The lost dog wandered up the street down the block and around the neighborhood until John found it.
- 14.Emily Jennifer and Ben hiked up the trail along the boulders to reach the upper falls.
- 15.I need to stay home and grade papers yet I need to go visit my family and friends.

Practice Three

- 1. Please put the peas carrots beans and tomatoes in the refrigerator.
- 2. Romeo Juliet Tybalt Mercutio and Friar Lawrence are important characters in Shakespeare's tragedy.
- 3. May I have a drink of that cool refreshing orange juice?
- 4. Some people describe the nurse as talkative coarse and vulgar.
- 5. That class is boring stupid and useless.
- 6. Adrian's car is fast sporty and black.
- 7. My grandmother loves to quilt crochet knit and embroider.
- 8. Odysseus is a clever brave wise and heroic character.
- 9. My friend has worked as a clerk a medical transcriptionist a bank teller and a translator.
- 10.Friar Lawrence learns that Romeo did not receive the letter explaining Juliet's pretend death so he rushes to the Capulet tomb
- 11. Yes Juliet and Tybalt are Capulets.
- 12. Well I am not sure that I want to go to the party.
- 13.I would like to have a cheeseburger but I do not want the fat!
- 14. We could go out for dinner and a movie or we could do something less traditional.
- 15.No I did not say that!
- 16.My mother did not like the present that I gave her so I took it back to the store.
- 17. Susan cooked dinner and James cleaned up.

18. We all went to the store to get groceries but when we left we were missing two people!

Practice Four

Commas After Introductions Exercises

A. If the following sentences are correctly punctuated with introductory	
commas, mark a C on the line to the left of the sentence. If there is an error, pu	t
an X on the line and circle the error. Do you know why each sentence is correct	
or incorrect?	
1. As the boat turned about a dozen dolphins began to follow it.	
2. Since we moved into town, our fuel bill has tripled.	
3. Having chosen nursing as a career Susan enrolled in many science	
courses.	
4. Usually, I have time to eat breakfast.	
5. From outside the twelve-mile fishing limits off the coast of Maine, a	
strange phenomenon has been reported.	
6. When he was in high school he was known only as an athlete.	
7. Before you decide what courses to take, you should consider the amoun	t
of work you are willing to do.	
8. Nevertheless I do not want to meet him.	
B. Add introductory commas where they are needed in the following sentences. Can you identify whether the introductory element, if any, is a clause, phrase, oword? If it is a phrase, what kind of phrase is it?	
1. To give Jane a good look at the university Mr. Benson drove up for the	
Day on Campus.	
2. Since the dog had started to run a way to catch him had to be found.	
3. Of course the movie that I had rushed to see didn't start on time.	
4. Her secondhand car was in excellent condition when she bought it.	
5. As I mentioned the rules can be broken occasionally.	
6. Having decided to eat only natural foods he had to give up all of his	
favorite junk food snacks.	
7. To estimate the costs he consulted a repairman by phone.	
8. To succeed in politics is not necessarily desirable.	
9. Making up his mind quickly Jared ordered lasagna while we were still	
reading the menu.	
10. However he tried to use the bottle opener it wouldn't work.	

C. Write your own sentences with introductory elements, and punctuate the correctly.					
1. After					
2. To save					
3. If					
4. Often					
5. Hearing					

Practice Five

Rules: Noun of address, intro. prep. Phrase, nonessential information

- 1. Gina are you staying for tutorials?
- 2. Before the ballgame at school we are going out for pizza.
- 3. In the public streets of Verona Tybalt and Mercutio are killed.
- 4. Don't drink the potion Romeo!
- 5. On the page in the book you will find the picture.
- 6. Sam please shut the door.
- 7. In the bleachers after the basketball game there is a lot of garbage.
- 8. Could you please pass the bread Jane?
- 9. In the closet behind the door you will find a rack of scarves.
- 10. Tybalt who is a hothead loses his temper when he realizes that Romeo has come to the Capulet party.
- 11.Before the ballgame ended we had to take a few pictures of our favorite players.

- 12. Texas which has the most farms in the United States produces one fourth of the country's oil.
- 13. William Shakespeare whose play Romeo and Juliet is one of the most famous love stories of all time was born in Stratford-on-Avon.
- 14. After we had explored the dark cave for two hours we longed for the return to sunlight.
- 15. If the cloud cover remains temperatures over the state will be higher than predicted.
- 16. Players who are late for practice will be sent back to the locker room.
- 17. The new library which is in the center of campus is easy to get to.
- 18.A telephone directory that lists phone numbers by address rather than by name is used by telephone operators.
- 19. Because the mild climate is ideal for growing coffee there are many coffee plantations in Brazil.
- 20. When the golden berries fall from the trees in May harvesting begins.
- 21. Julia Roberts who is my favorite actress stars in Pretty Woman.
- 22. If heavy rains have not damaged the blossoms in September the harvest will be a good one.
- 23. An eclipse that occurs when the earth blocks the sun's light from the moon is called a lunar eclipse.

Practice Six

Rules: Interrupter, Contrasting elem. ,Appositives, parent. express.

- 1. It is the giver not the gift that is important.
- 2. He will I think ask her out.
- 3. Maria by the way is going to get married next October.

- 4. Romeo not Juliet dies by drinking a poison that was purchased from an apothecary.
- 5. Odysseus sacker of cities is the hero of Homer's epic The Odyssey.
- 6. On the contrary I am not upset with you at all.
- 7. By the way could you tell me where I would find that information?
- 8. My car a Toyota is very old and worn out.
- 9. We could go out to eat. On the other hand we could order and pizza and just stay in.
- 10.Romeo and Juliet star-crossed lovers are the protagonists of Shakespeare's tragedy.
- 11. Amy and Alicia my twin cousins are only 3 years old.
- 12.In addition studies have shown that the divorce rate in America is around 52 percent.
- 13. My sister a bookkeeper works for an accounting firm here in town.
- 14. Juliet not realizing that Romeo is standing beneath her balcony confesses her love for Romeo.
- 15. This is in my opinion a horrible disaster.
- 16. Gail not Christy was born and raised in Surry County.
- 17. Stephanie not understanding the grammar rules stayed after school to get extra help.
- 18. What's happening now if I may say so is not in the best interest of our school.

Practice Seven

Rules: Addresses, Dates, Intro. Part. Phrase, Nonessential Part. Phrase

- 1. I live at 105 Ashley Forest Rd. Mount Airy NC 27030.
- 2. Rebecca was born on December 21 1973.
- 3. Louis will you please mail this letter to 212 Pine Ridge Trail Chapel Hill NC 27514.
- 4. My new address is 456 Virginia Ave Winston Salem NC 23455.
- 5. Class today's date is August 25 2000.
- 6. We have tickets to the show on May 5.
- 7. 231 Westwood Dr. Mount Airy NC 27030
- 8. The Odyssey composed by the Greek bard Homer is an epic poem.
- 9. Hoping to go to college Jack worked very diligently to achieve good grades.
- 10. Speaking quickly in French the woman was impossible to understand.
- 11. Believing that Jill was lying her parents went ahead with her punishment.
- 12.Lori walking down the street during the Autumn Leaves Festival saw many people that she knew.
- 13. Wandering around town we stopped in many stores to shop.
- 14. Her mother knowing about the trouble she was in tried to get her to confess.

Practice Eight

- 1. Their manager surprised and frightened pulled them away from the adoring crowd.
- 2. Their fans standing and applauding welcomed their entrance.
- 3. Flying low the plane circled the airport.
- 4. Standing on the ground the plane circled the airport.
- 5. Amelia Earhart flying with navigator Fred Noonan left Miami, Florida in June of 1937.
- 6. Gaining fame in 1928 Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic.

Interrupter: Use a commas to set off items that interrupt the sentence

- 1. The show was however an immediate success.
- 2. She became as you know a great star.
- 3. I will play Phillip if you will accompany me.
- 4. Isabelle's essay not mine won an award.
- 5. Faye Doran the well-known actress hosted the program.
- 6. The President's wife although not well hosted many parties.
- 7. John Quincy Adams the sixth President was the son of a former President.
- 8. This as you can imagine was an unusual situation.
- 9. This doctrine which warned Europe against interfering in the Americas was quite important.
- 10. Adams who was not re-elected became the only former President to serve in Congress.

Use the following words or phrases as interrupters within sentences about a sport that you enjoy. Be sure to use commas correctly.

- 6. the goalkeeper (quarterback, guard, etc)
- 7. if they do their job well
- 8. for example
- 9. on the other hand
- 10.needless to say
- 11.as you know

Practice Nine

(1)Tom Jones is a sophomore at Skidmore College and he is very fond of the large Jones family.(2)For Thanksgiving he decided to visit his sister who lives in Boston.(3)However his sister who lives in Chicago had already decided to visit his sister that lives in Boston.(4)Therefore Tom decided to visit his brother who lives in New York City.(5)Entering New York City on the day before Thanksgiving Tom was overwhelmed by the large, boisterous crowds.(6)Mike took him to see some art museums and they went to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.(7)He was sorry not to see his sister who lives in Boston but he was glad to visit with his brother who gave him a great tour of New York City.

1.Where should the comma go in sentence 1?	Comma Rule used
2. Where should the comma go in sentence	Comma Rule used
2?	Comma Ruic useu
3.Where should the comma go in sentence 3?	Comma Rule used
4.Where should the comma go in sentence 4?	Comma Rule used
5.Where should the comma go in sentence 5?	Comma Rule used
6.Where should the comma go in sentence 6?	Comma Rule used
7Where should the comma go in sentence 7?	Comma Rule used

Exercises



Exercise One Comma Rules Exercise

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- 1. Comma & FANBOYS to join two complete sentences.
- 2. Commas after Introductory Elements (Words, phrases, or clauses that start off the sentence.)
- 3. Commas in a Series of Three or More Items

Part One- Determine what comma rule was used in the sentences below. Write the rule number of the comma rule (listed above) in the blank provided.
1. During morning break, my advisor spoke to me in the hall.
2. We worked on recognizing run-on sentences, studied literary terms, and read a short story.
3. Lauren finished her Algebra I homework, yet she still had Spanish homework to complete.
4. First, you need to do your homework.
5. Joseph ran out of the cafeteria, up the stairs of Sanford Hall, and into his literature class.
6. We finally got some snow, but I wanted more than a few inches.
7. At the beginning of second period, I was called to the office.
Part Two- Correct the following sentences by inserting commas.
8.Jennie Amber and Cherie decided to go bowling in Winston.

9.Because the roads were still bad on Tuesday we were out of school again.

- 10.Brittany studied all week for her literary term quiz and she aced it.
- 11.In the meanwhile you can study for a quiz on The Old Man and the Sea.
- 12. Passing English I graduating high school and going to college are some of my present goals.
- 13.Yes we do expect to hear from them soon.
- 14. During the homecoming game Chris Adrian and Jason all scored a touchdown.
- 15. After a week camping in the back country I enjoy a big breakfast a hot shower and all the other comforts of home.
- 16. Jumping over the sand dunes Cobbie and I almost collided our four-wheelers.
- 17. John bought them a blender and he waited to have it gift wrapped.
- 18.After the soccer game was over I grabbed my jacket my water bottle and my camera.

Comma I	Exercise	Two

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Rules:

- 1. Comma and a FANBOYS to join two complete sentences.
- 2. Commas in a Series of Three or More Items.
- 3. Commas after Introductory Elements (words, phrases, & clauses found at the beginning of sentences).

Part One- Identify the comma rule (listed above) that is being used in each of the following sentences.

- ____1. According to an ancient legend, the ghost would never rest.
- _____2. You might help the students by bringing staples, pens, tablets, or erasers.
- _____3. My cousin is visiting from Canada, and she will be staying with us for two weeks.

4. You can join us for supper, but you have to help with the dishes.
5. Last night, most of the audience seemed to enjoy the play.
6. Mandolins, guitars, banjos, and dulcimers are all on sale at the music store downtown.
7. When the canoe overturned, we lost one of the paddles.
Part Two- Correct each of the following sentences by inserting commas. In the blanks provided, write the number of the comma rule used to correct the sentence.
8. The I Ching is an ancient Chinese book and a copy is in the library.
9. After the game was over they came over and watched a movie with us.
10. Frances James and Matthew found a place to rest during their long hike home.
11. Before I took the film to have pictures developed I remembered something.
12. While Harry and Captain Bill were gazing at the horizon they caught a massive marlin.
13. Jake was removed from the hockey game so he spent the rest of the time in the penalty box.
14. Brandon and Brendan were playing tennis but it began to rain.
15. While he was traveling in India Joseph sampled several different Indian dishes.

Comma Rules	Exercise Three	Name
1. Series of	Three or More Items	
2. Between	Two or More Adjectives	
3. Introduc	tory Elements (Circle De	ependent Words)
4. With a F	ANBOYS Joining Two C	Complete Sentences
Rule # Add the	e necessary commas to ea	ach sentence listed below.
1. Robin	balled up a piece of clay	stuck it on the wheel and began molding
it into a bowl.		
2. With a	all this homework I will l	oe up working until midnight.
3. Jennie County.	wants to go to Jason's ho	ouse but I want to go camping up in Ashe
4. Some o	of her students thought s	he was a mean senile teacher.
5. Since y this six-weeks.	ou did not do well the fin	rst six-weeks you need to stay for tutoring
6. The ch	ild spotted the present p	icked it up and rattled it.
7. Floating after flipping the	•	the couple had lost all their belonging
8. Dr. Gr	ey is an intern and Dr. S	hepherd is a seasoned surgeon.
9. The the	oughtful hard-working s	tudent is always a blessing.
	though I have to work S	aturday I still plan on camping out that
evening.		

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Rules:

- 1-Commas to set off extra information such as non-essential clauses, common expressions, interrupters, and appositives. (Information that can be taken out without changing the meaning of the sentence)
- 2-Commas in the Names of Places and Dates
- 3-Commas to set off Nouns of Direct Address (Talking directly to someone)
- 4-Commas in Titles of Names (Jr., Sr., III)
- 5-Commas to show Contrast (not)
- 6-Commas with Quotations

Part One- In the blanks provided, write the number of the rule used in each of the following sentences. Use the rules provided above. 1. Jesse, a baseball player, plays for North Surry. 2. Travis may fix the sentence on the Smart Board, not Austin. 3. Are you from Low Gap, NC or Mt. Airy, NC? 4. Jocelyn asked, "Is this answer correct?" 5. In fact, her answer was correct. 6. Is your birthday on Monday, July 5 or Tuesday, July 6? 7. David, a die-hard State fan, was hoping for a good season. Part Two- Insert commas as needed. In the blanks provided, write the number of the rule used to correct each sentence. 8. Sylva North Carolina is Amy's hometown. 9. Benji my brother-in-law is originally from Georgia. 10. "May we" the class asked "study before we take the test?" 11. Needless to say the class had not studied for their test. 12. Andy is very quiet quite different from Chance.

13. Ashe County High School where I did my student teaching has a beautiful campus.					
14. Taylor however did really well on her drama terms quiz.					
Comma Exercise Five Part I- Recognizing Comma Rules	Name				
1 at t 1- Recognizing Comma Rules					
Directions: Read each sentence carefull determine the rule used to fix each of the number in the blank provided. Rule #	•				
1. Working through the rain, the on the house.	construction workers finished the work				
2. The student's lousy, pathetic ex	cuse was not accepted by the teacher.				
3. Luke jumped the fence, ran dov	vn to the lake, and dove head-first off the				
4. While her mom was still at work	, Jodie decided to cook dinner.				
he ended up losing	ld ace the huge Romeo and Juliet test, but basketball team's shirt the whole next				
6. Although Billy couldn't play for his grades up in math.	otball, he was able to work on bringing				
7. Romeo fell in love Rosaline, for Juliet.	got all about Rosaline, and ended up with				
Part II- Correcting Sentences Using Co Directions: Using your Comma Rules I sentences. You must be able to explain can not explain why you used the comm	Handout, correct each of the following each comma you use with a rule; if you				

1. In my school each classroom has a digital display on one wall.

incorrect!

- 2. At the beginning of the year I tape card stock on the board.
- 3. I wrote the correct answers on the board and students checked their answers.
- 4. Nothing fazes me so it's relatively easy to shrug it off.
- 5. The school has exchange programs in Russia China Spain and France.
- 6. Enjoying community support and a devoted staff ISLC will graduate its first class of seniors this spring.
- 7. The burdened overwhelmed parent didn't know what to do with his son.
- 8. It's long complicated and you're better off not knowing.
- 9. With that Colorado has the potential to send a pro-public education candidate to Washington.
- 10. The bossy irritable man tested the waitress's patience.

Part III- Write your own sentences using the rules listed below.

Rule 1-

Rule 3-

Rule 4-

Comma Exercise Six	Name_
Directions: Insert commes as needed	

- 1.Jesse ran to the gas station but he forgot his money.
- 2. The three adventurers involved in the rescue who were not afraid of risking their lives jumped into the pit to save their friend.
- 3. Besides the child was only six years old.
- 4. Renee works at the copier center and she has to stand up most of the time.
- 5. When I drive home from school I go right by your house.

- 6. Nathan Todd and Carla were all on duty that night.
- 7. My records however indicate that he paid his taxed every year.
- 8. Carla what is on the agenda today?
- 9.Lyla as we know was out of the house when the fire started.
- 10. "Go at once" Gene commanded "and see what is causing that commotion.
- 11.Bringing home a new puppy last weekend therefore turned out lived upside down.
- 12."It might be a good idea" my dad replied.
- 13.My mom rolled her eyes and said "I think that shirt looks fine."
- 14.Lupe got her wish on December 3 1995.
- 15.Greg Howard has lived at 627 Howard Lane Greensboro NC for five years.
- 16. The senior class is going to London England this summer.
- 17. The saleswoman who sold two houses today was very happy.
- 18. The ambulance nevertheless was able to move through the crowd.
- 19. When we get out for Christmas break I'm going home to spend time with my family friends and boyfriend.
- 20. After spending weeks going over the same lesson the teacher was frustrated that students were failing the same students who have not made any effort to stay for tutoring.