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**Comma Camp**

*Directions:* You, too, can master the use of commas!

Fill in the blanks in the following cloze passages to complete your notes.

Use commas for…

**{Independent Clauses}**

* To separate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clauses that are joined by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Example: Zilah paid attention in class, so she did well on her tests.

**{Series}**

* To separate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elements in a series
* Example: I had an apple, an orange, and a banana in my lunch.

**{Coordinate Adjectives}**

* To separate two or more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that describe the same noun
* Ask yourself…does it make sense if you put the adjectives in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ order? Does it make sense if you put the word “and” between them?
  + If the answer is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, then you use a comma.
  + If the answer is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, then you do not use a comma.
* Example: Bob was a lazy, sloppy student.

**{Geographical Names, Dates, Addresses, Titles…}**

* To separate geographical names, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a date, addresses, and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a name
* Examples:
  + November 5, 2014
  + Detroit, Michigan
  + Dr. Robert March, M.D.
  + On December 20, 2014, I will fly to San Diego, California.
  + Dr. Robert March, M.D., will speak at a conference.

**{Quotations}**

* To set off a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of a sentence
* Examples:
  + The teacher said, “Don’t forget to put your name on your paper.”
  + “I think,” said the student, “that we will not go outside today.”

**{Introductory Phrase}**

* After an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phrase, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or words
* Examples:
  + After I went to my violin lesson, I went home to eat dinner.

**{Setting Off Clauses/Phrases}**

* To set off a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the information is not essential to understanding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sentence
* Examples:
  + Tell me, Steve, what’s going on with you.
  + Thank you, my fellow students, for listening to my student council speech.
  + Tuesday, which happens to be my birthday, is the only day that I can meet.

**{Greeting/Closing of a Letter}**

* After the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a letter
* Examples:
  + Dear John,
  + Sincerely,

Ms. Luteman

**{Flocabulary: Comma Camp}**

*Directions: As you listen to the Flocabulary video, fill in the blanks!*

55 Washington Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

July 21, 2012

Dear Mom and Dad,

Here I am at Camp Okee-Dokee. Things here are really great! First of all, my counselor is a real grammar nerd. He says every time I use a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ correctly in my letters, he'll give me an Okee. That's like a dollar you can use at the camp store.

So I've been using commas every time I write \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. During morning activities I built a scale model of the Millennium Falcon, learned Hebrew and took an acting class with Leonardo DiCaprio.

I'm using commas after a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of a sentence too. After we finished our morning activities, we ate a small lunch of lobster tails and Belgian waffles.

Anyway, I'm also using commas after an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a sentence. See what I just did?

I'm also learning to use commas between two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We challenged another camp to a game of capture the flag, but they declined.

I'm even using commas between 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I met this tall, funny girl from Cleveland named China.

You know I'm using two commas to add a little more information about someone in a sentence. China, a girl who is not from China, convinced me to sign up for the talent show.

The comma is helpful when I am setting off \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I asked China, Do you think I should juggle flaming torches for the talent show?

China said, Why don't you teach people how to use commas correctly?

Oh man, she just cracks me up. Well, I'm gonna go spend the Okees I earned to buy a jet pack or something. Camp is great. I can't believe I've only been here one day!

Your son,

Leroy

**{Teammate Practice}**

*Directions: Work with your teammate to decide where to insert comma(s) for the following sentences!*

1. I’d like a bike or a pair of in-line skates and a snowboard for my birthday.
2. Well my friend you can’t always have what you want when you want it.
3. No but I can always have hope!
4. My friends and I skate all year long and snowboard during the winter.
5. I used to like skateboarding but now I prefer snowboarding and in-line skating.
6. What sports games or hobbies do you enjoy most Mary Holland?
7. I learned to ski last year and now I’m taking ice-skating lessons.
8. Skiing ice skating and skateboarding are all fun things to do.

**{Independent Practice}**

*Directions: Read the sentences and place commas where you think they should be.*

1. After the ball game let’s go and get some dinner.

2. Miranda Tom Alex and Joe are playing ball later.

3. My friend Janis Dixon has 3 dogs.

4. If you don’t finish your dinner you won’t be going out later.

5. After school let’s go to the store.

6. Owen said “Meet me at the park later.”

7. Wow that painting you did is amazing!

8. If I do my homework, will you help me?

9. I like red green blue yellow and orange.

10. When we go to the theme park I hope it doesn’t rain.

11. If you go fishing remember to bring your bait.

12. After the party let’s go over to the park.

13. “Wait for me I can’t catch up to you” said Jake.

14. You will have fewer errors, if you proof-read your work.

15. My dentist Dr. Jones is in the new building.

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**Homework: Comma Camp**

*Directions: Read the sentences and place commas where you think they should be.*

1. For my birthday I got a new phone shirt and soccer ball.
2. Would you rather go to Disneyland Nashville Shores or Six Flags.
3. My mom yelled at me because I didn’t go to bed or feed the dog.
4. Thad you were elected captain of the team!
5. Can you help me sir?
6. You’re a great speller Winston so you might win the spelling bee.
7. When the mail arrived the man ran to the mailbox.
8. Until the bell rings everyone should stay quiet.
9. Quickly he walked into the elevator.
10. However Kyle would know more about dinosaurs than George.
11. Yes their brother will drive them to school on Friday.
12. Before she came to Denver Willa had lived in Cleveland.
13. Although it was late Simon still wanted to go outside.
14. As she walked out the door it began to rain.
15. Have a happy birthday Gunny.