

Worksheet for Comma Rules

- Rule 1:
1. That wall clock looks expensive but it doesn't work.
 2. He likes to buy expensive clothes but hates to pay the bills.
 3. The lights went out so the guests had to leave early.
 4. The store will have to stay open longer or it will lose money.
 5. John has a large garden for he loves to grow vegetables.
- Rule 2:
1. When the snow stopped we were able to leave.
 2. As the stage curtain rose the audience clapped.
 3. We stayed on the beach until the sun went down.
 4. Although English is offered only in the mornings you can take chemistry at night.
 5. I am going to bed early tonight because I am tired.
- Rule 2:
1. Wagging his tail the puppy barked with excitement.
 2. Ignored by the policeman the town drunk always slept in the park.
 3. By four in the afternoon everyone wanted to go home.
 4. During the power blackout people tried to help each other.
 5. Near the end of the driveway we planted a lilac bush.
- Rule 3:
1. The woman of the 1990's often tries to be a wife a mother and a career woman.
 2. The police found TV sets blenders and hair dryers in the abandoned car.
 3. Bill wants to go to the shore his wife wants to go to the mountains and their children don't want to go anywhere.
 4. I will be happy to read your poem comment on it and return it to you.
 5. I enjoy biking and skating and swimming.
- Rule 4:
1. No I don't want any more ice cream
 2. Reluctantly the students left the classroom at the end of the summer.
 3. Well what have you been up to?
 4. I like tea. Therefore I drink at least three cups every day.
 5. Oh I love the mountains in the spring!
- Rule 5:
1. General Marsh it seemed to me trusted only one or two people.
 2. These apples believe it or not were grown in my backyard.
 3. Birthdays and anniversaries for example are special occasions.
 4. Instructors however receive a lower salary than professors.
 5. All twelve jurors by the way felt that the man was innocent.

- Rule 6:
1. Tom where did you put my books?
 2. Connie have you ever gone hiking?
 3. The class feels Professor Crow that you deserve an award.
 4. We all agree Dr. Caxton that you are the right man for the job.
 5. And now ladies and gentlemen we will begin the show.
- Rule 7:
1. Belinda a student of foreign languages speaks French and Spanish.
 2. Alaska the largest state in our country contains many surprises for the tourist.
 3. My friend Bill owns two stereos.
 4. Watch out for Phil a man whose ambition rules him.
 5. This is her favorite food ketchup sandwiches.
- Rules 8 & 9:
1. By May 1 2009 Susan will have a bachelor's degree.
 2. A new store opened at 300 North Road San Jose California 73002.
 3. People in Charleston South Carolina are very friendly toward visitors.
 4. In December 1977 I received my first Christmas gift.
 5. My teacher taught in London England from September 1 1982 to June 15 1983.
- Rule 10:
1. He gave a short interesting speech.
 2. The three young children were playing on the swing set.
 3. The children were screaming in scared high voices.
 4. The intelligent young man was wearing a bright orange vest.
 5. The bright creative woman was his wife.
- Rule 11:
1. My next-door neighbor who spends a lot of time at the gym is in excellent shape.
 2. Most patients prefer doctors who spend time listening to them.
 3. Many people who want to buy homes have found the interest rates too high.
 4. Stamp collecting which teaches a great deal about history is also fun.
 5. Everyone admires Larry who always sees the bright side of a bad situation.
- Rule 12:
1. It wasn't the right key was it?
 2. He's coming isn't he?
 3. The movie starts at eight doesn't it?
 4. You thought the pie was delicious didn't you?
 5. We have the right to complain don't we?
- Rule 13:
1. He asked "Who's there?"
 2. "No" she insisted "there are monsters under the bed."
 3. Henry said "I'm looking for a wife."
 4. We heard someone shouting "Hello!"
 5. "You have lied" the judge said.