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Commas in a Series

Lesson 47

The cave was dark, damp, and quiet.

Cave explorers found rocks minerals and water inside.

How many commas are in the first sentence? _____

Draw a star in two places in the second sentence where a comma belongs.

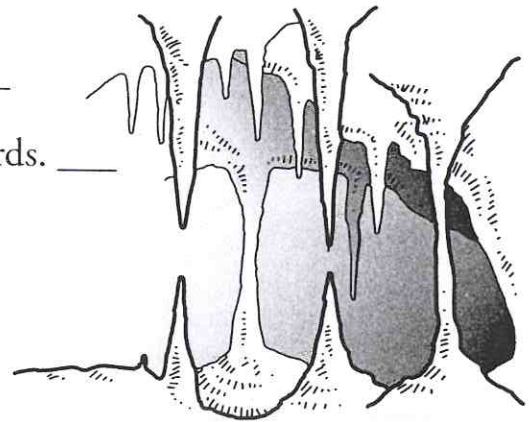
A **series** is a list of three or more words. Use **commas** to separate words in a series.

See Handbook Section 8

Part 1

Add commas where they are needed in these sentences. Write *C* next to each sentence that uses commas correctly.

1. Rainwater, lava, and ocean waves form different kinds of caves. ____
2. Underground rivers waterfalls and lakes can be found inside some caves. ____
3. My uncle and aunt have explored caves
made of limestone marble and dolomite. ____
4. Inside one cave we saw bats spiders, and lizards. ____
5. We found some algae, ferns, and mosses
growing near the cave opening. ____
6. In a cave where ancient people lived,
you might find stone tools,
wall paintings, and animal bones. ____
7. A guide will give you a flashlight, a pen a notebook and a map. ____
8. Please stay close to Sadako Janet and me. ____



Cones that hang from the ceiling of a cave are stalactites. Cones that rise from the floor are stalagmites.

Part 2

A cave explorer was taking notes. She dropped her flashlight and had to write in the dark. Read her notes and add commas where they are needed.

Today I found the most amazing plants minerals and animals. There were beautiful flowers small bushes and lush ferns just outside the cave's opening. Inside the cave, I came across many interesting rocks, such as sandstone quartz and obsidian. I also saw many beetles salamanders worms and lizards crawling about.

Part 3

Try to find all six words in the Cave Word Search below. Write a sentence listing all the things you found in the cave.



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Commas After Introductory Words

Lesson 48

Yes, Hawaii is a group of volcanic islands.

Circle the word that makes this sentence sound like an answer to a question. What punctuation mark follows that word? _____

No most of Hawaii's volcanoes do not erupt often.

Circle the word that makes this sentence sound like an answer. Add the missing comma.

Use a **comma** to show a pause in a sentence. Write a comma after the words **yes** and **no** when they begin a sentence.

See Handbook Section 8

Part 1

Add a comma to each answer.

1. Does Hawaii have active volcanoes? Yes Hawaii does.
2. Is Hawaii dangerous to visit? No you can visit Hawaii safely.
3. Did the islands rise up from the sea? Yes they were built up by eruptions.
4. Will the islands of Hawaii stay the same size forever?

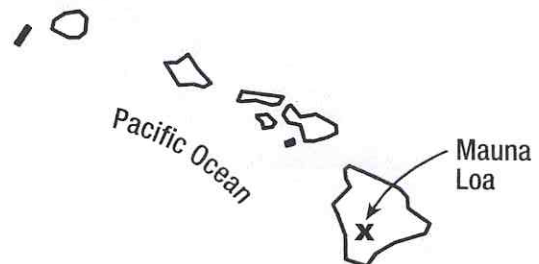
No the islands will continue to change size.

5. Is Mauna Loa the world's tallest volcano?

Yes it rises almost 30,000 feet
above the ocean floor.

6. Does the lava from Mauna Loa
always flow out of the top?

No sometimes lava comes out the sides.



Mauna Loa is on the big island of Hawaii, the largest of the Hawaiian Islands.

Part 2

Answer each question. Begin each sentence with *Yes* or *No* and a comma.

7. Have you seen pictures of Hawaii? _____
8. Do you live near a volcano? _____
9. Would you like to visit an active volcano? _____

10. Do you think volcanic eruptions are exciting? _____
11. Do you know why volcanoes erupt? _____

12. Do you think lava is dangerous? _____

Part 3

Add a comma to each answer. Then make up a silly question about volcanoes to go with it. Share your questions and answers with a friend.

Questions

Answers

Do volcanoes erupt in your kitchen?

Yes, they do it every day of the week.

No that would be too dangerous.

Yes I really liked that.

No I don't think that is a good idea.

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Writing Quotations

Lesson 49

My uncle said, "Next month I will travel to Antarctica."
Underline the speaker's words in this sentence. Circle the quotation marks that come before and after the statement.

What will you do there? I asked.
Underline the speaker's words in this sentence. Draw a star in two places in this sentence where you think quotation marks belong.

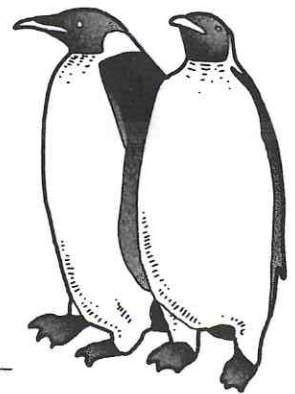
Use **quotation marks** to show someone's exact written or spoken words. Quotation marks go around the beginning and end of a **direct quotation**. Do not use quotation marks when the word *that* comes before someone's words.

See Handbook Section 4

Part 1

Add quotation marks to the sentences that need them. Write *C* next to each sentence that does not need quotation marks.

1. My uncle told me that he will work at a research station in Antarctica. ____
2. Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth, he said. ____
3. He explained that it is the icy continent at the South Pole. ____
4. He said that the world's lowest temperature was recorded there. ____
5. It was -128.6°F in July 1983, he said. ____
6. Thick ice covers most of the land, said my uncle. ____
7. He said, Over millions of years, layers of snow pressed together to form a huge icecap. ____
8. He said that the ice has been more than 15,700 feet thick. ____
9. That's ten times the height of the tallest building! I said. ____



Emperor penguins live in Antarctica.

Part 2

Rewrite the sentences. Add quotation marks around the speakers' exact words.

10. Why are you going to such a cold place? I asked. _____

11. He answered, I will study Antarctica's largest land animal. _____

12. Is it a polar bear? I asked. _____

13. No, polar bears live near the North Pole, he answered. _____

14. He said, The largest land animal that lives in Antarctica permanently is an insect that's half an inch long.

Part 3

Imagine you are planning an expedition to Antarctica. Write a conversation between you and a friend about your trip. Remember to use quotation marks.

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Direct Quotations

Lesson 50

- Mark shouted, "Let's hike across the glacier!"
- "Be careful where you step!" Jill cried.

Which sentence is written correctly? _____

Circle where something is missing in the other sentence.

A **direct quotation** shows a speaker's exact words. Use a comma to separate the quotation from the rest of the sentence. Put **quotation marks** around a direct quotation. Add punctuation before the last quotation mark.

Examples

"Look out!" Mark cried.

"Why?" Jill asked.

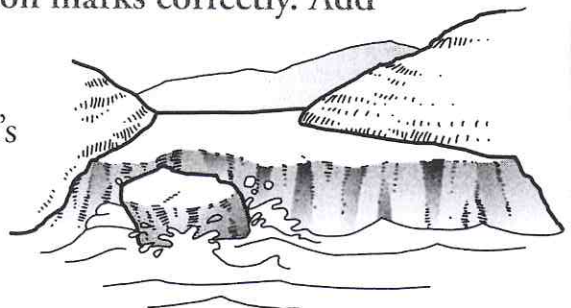
"The ice is slippery," Mark answered.

See Handbook Sections 4 and 8

Part 1

Write *C* next to each sentence that uses punctuation marks correctly. Add punctuation marks when you need to.

- Peter said, "The glacier is made of ice, and it's moving very slowly toward the sea." _____
- Wendy asked "What happens after the glacier passes _____
- Peter replied, "Glaciers can leave behind lakes, valleys, and hills" _____
- "Some glaciers are so big they reach all the way to the sea" Peter added. _____
- Wendy said "Look, I can see whales swimming near that glacier!" _____
- Did you know that when parts of a glacier break off and float out to sea, they are called icebergs? asked Wendy. _____



Icebergs break off glaciers in a process called calving.

Part 2

Rewrite each sentence as a direct quotation.

7. Martha said that much of Earth was covered with ice long ago. _____

8. James explained that the animals were forced southward by the ice. _____

9. Tisha asked what happened when the ice started to melt. _____

10. Martha told Tisha that the animals were able to move back to the north. _____

Part 3

Rewrite this conversation. Add missing punctuation marks. Start a new paragraph with each change in speaker.

There is an iceberg in our path! Stop the ship shouted the first mate. Let's go around it said the captain. We already have enough ice.

Name _____

Proofreading Practice

Read this report about erosion and find the mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to show how each mistake should be fixed.

Proofreading Marks

Mark	Means	Example
⊙	add a period	She said, "I'm here.⊙"
^	add a comma	She said,^"I'm here."
”	add quotation marks	She said, ”I'm here.”
’	add an apostrophe	She said, "I'm here."
≡	make into a capital letter	≡she said, "I'm here."
✂	take away	She ✂said, "I'm here."
Ⓢ	fix spelling	She said, "I'm hear.Ⓢ"

Erosion

We're studying natural forces in Mr. Hom's science class. A scientist named Dr. e.m Cody came to talk to our class. She's an expert on erosion.

Erosion is a natural process that slowly changes the land's surface every day. Wind, ice, and water wear away pieces of rock and soil and carry them away.

Mr Hom showed us Dr. Cody's book about erosion. It's called mountains into molehills. He asked Dr. Cody to talk awhile and answer students questions.

"Erosion crumbles mountains and carves out canyons," Dr. Cody told us. She said that the colorado River created the Grand Canyon by wearing away rock.

"Could the river behind my house be at the bottom of a canyon someday asked Bo.

"Yes" Dr. Cody explained. "but it would take thousands of years"

Next week we're going to Bryce Canyon. erosion there has created valleys filled with spikes of rock shaped like towers castles and animals. I cant wait to go!

Review

Sentences

Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. scientists chip away bits of rock. _____
2. look, I found seashells in this rock _____

3. was this entire area once covered by the ocean _____

4. yes sea animals lived here millions of years ago _____

Proper Nouns and Book Titles

Circle each letter that needs to be a capital letter.

5. my favorite book is called life on the mesa.
6. mesas are found in arizona, new mexico, colorado, and utah.
7. i hiked in colorado's mesa verde national park with mrs. joseph.
8. she gave me the red mountain, another book about mesas.

Quotation Marks

Add quotation marks around the speakers' exact words.

9. Noel said, Let's go to Carlsbad Caverns.
10. Michael exclaimed, Inside the caves some rocks look like upside-down trees!

Quotations and Possessives

Add quotation marks, commas, and periods to make each sentence correct.

11. Debbi said All the regions of Earth lie atop minerals
12. She added "Minerals are used to make pencils, nickels, and salt"
13. Barry said, Scientists learned that minerals grow by adding layers of crystals

Circle the word in () that correctly completes each sentence.

14. Some of (Earths'/Earth's) changes happen over a long period of time.
15. (Continents/Continents') shapes slowly change as plates under the crust shift.
16. The (plate's/plates') movements cause earthquakes on the surface of Earth.
17. (Earth's/Earths) core is filled with hot bubbling rock.

Contractions

Write the word in () that best completes each sentence.

18. Tidal waves _____ caused by tides. (arent/aren't)
19. _____ caused by earthquakes under water. (They're/Theyre')
20. _____ learn about these huge waves, called tsunamis. (Well/We'll)
21. _____ seen waves that were 50 feet high. (Hes/He's)

Commas

Add commas where they are needed.

22. Yes rocks are useful.
23. Many buildings are made of granite marble or limestone.
24. No you couldn't make a car out of rock.
25. Maria Jack and I searched for smooth rocks in the riverbed.

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