Commas

**To Set Off Dates**

On September 30, 1997, my little sister entered our lives.

He began working out on December 1, 2005, but quit by May 1, 2006.

*However, when only the month and year are given, no commas are needed.*

**He began working out in December 2005 but quit by May 2006.**

*When a full date appears in the middle of a sentence, a comma follows the year.*

**On June 7, 1934, my great-grandfather met his future wife.**

***Practice: Indicate where commas are needed.***

On January 27 2005 scientists announced that an ice age formed almost 400 million years ago.

The coldest temperature on record for North America-81 degrees below zero Fahrenheit –occurred near the town of Beaver Creek on February 3 1947.

**Use a comma to separate the day of the week, the day of the month, and the year**

Today is Monday, September 15, 2014.