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Home work

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1. Her English /improve- she moved to the UK

2. He / not shave – six months _____.

3. She _____ here for/since many years and she loves it. (live)

Home work (Answer)

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1. Her English /improve- she moved to the UK

Her English has improved since she moved to the UK.

2. He / not shave – six months

He hasn't shaved for six months.

3. She _____ here for/since many years and she loves it. (live)

She has lived here for many years and she loves it.

USING COMMA (LESSON 8)

INTRODUCTION

Comma

The comma is the **most important** punctuation mark. Commas are the most frequently used marks of punctuation in English.

Commas tells us how to read and understand sentences, because they tell us where to pause.

A correctly placed comma helps more readers from the beginning of a sentences to the end.

Example:

Kill him not, leave him. (Don't kill him)

Kill him, not leave him. (Kill him)

In the forest fires are dangerous. (confusing)

In the forest , fires are dangerous. (correct)

Comma is used:

❖ To separate words in a series.

Example: Kumsa, Taye, Mogos and Tesfu are siblings.

His speech was short, precise and effective.

The last two words in the series are joined by the conjunction ‘and’.

❖ To separate **short co-ordinate clauses**.

Example: I knocked at the door, but he did not come out.

Our friends are easy-going, and they don’t get upset when the plans change.

❖ Use a comma before too when it means “also”.

Taye Tedros’ daughter is doctor, too.

❖ To **mark off** words, and phrases (introductory words and phrase) like however, nevertheless, for example, therefore, that is, from the rest of the sentence.

Example: The mother, nevertheless, continued to believe that he would come back one day.

However, I won't be able to bring a salad.

To get a good night's sleep, you should practice relaxation techniques.

Beginning tomorrow, the library will be open until midnight.

Although the sky is overcast, I don't think that it will rain this afternoon.

❖ To mark off **question-tags**.

Example: She is not a student, is she?

❖ To mark off the **reporting verb** from the direct speech.

Example: "Now go out and play," said the mother to her children.

❖ To **separate** a non or a non phrase in apposition.

Example: Shakespeare, the greatest English dramatist, was bald.

Ms. Azeb, our school director, is giving advice for students.

- ❖ Use commas between the day of the month and the year. Or after the year.

Example: She was born in June 13,1989, in Adama. December 7, 1999

Do not use a comma if the date consists of only the month and the year.

She was born in June 1989 in Adama.

- ❖ Use commas to show thousands, millions, and so on.

Example: 5,000 50,000

- ❖ Do not use commas when writing telephone numbers, page numbers, or years.
- ❖ Use a comma after the salutation in a personal letter and after the closing in both personal letters and business letters.

Dear Tsige, Sincerely,

Practice questions 1 (Three minutes)

I. Rewrite the sentences, inserting commas where needed to prevent misreading.

1. As I mounted the horse tried to bolt.
2. When I called John told me to come over.
3. On the television news was being reported.
4. After Obang left the party was boring.

Practice questions (Answer)

I. Rewrite the sentences, inserting commas where needed to prevent misreading.

1. As I mounted, the horse tried to bolt.
2. When I called, John told me to come over.
3. On the television, news was being reported.
4. After Obang left, the party was boring.

Practice questions 2 (Three minutes)

I. Insert commas where they are needed in the following questions. If the sentence is correct write correct.

1. She left for another school.

2. With a nod of his head he rose up the chimney.

3. Excuse me Ms Taye but is this right?

4. Getacho are you going to finish your dinner?

5. Rahel always read a book wrote a letter or told stories on the way.

Practice questions 2 (Answer)

I. Insert commas where they are needed in the following questions. If the sentence is correct write correct.

1. She left for another school. (correct)

2. With a nod of his head, he rose up the chimney.

3. Excuse me, Ms Taye, but is this right?

4. Getacho, are you going to finish your dinner?

5. Rahel always read a book, wrote a letter, or told stories on the way.

Home Work

I. Insert commas where they are needed in the following questions. If the sentence is correct write correct.

1. My sister was born in December 2 2002 E.C
2. The farmer yelled “ I am the one who feed all of you. I should survive in order to serve you.”
3. If the sanitation is poor the environment becomes full of germs bacteria viruses and other elements that cause diseases.

THANK YOU !

