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Identify and correct the comma errors in the following sentence: "The cat which was hungry meowed loudly, and scratched at the door."

The corrected sentence is: "The cat that was hungry meowed loudly and scratched at the door."

Identify the sentences that contain a comma splice. (Select all that apply)

- A. She loves music, she plays the piano. ✓**
- B. She loves music, and she plays the piano.
- C. She loves music; she plays the piano.
- D. She loves music and plays the piano.

Where should a comma be placed in the following sentence? "After dinner we went for a walk."

- A. After "After"
- B. After "Dinner" ✓**
- C. After "we"
- D. No comma is needed

Which of the following sentences correctly use commas? (Select all that apply)

- A. She said "Hello, how are you?"
- B. He likes pizza, pasta, and salad. ✓**
- C. The movie was exciting, and thrilling.
- D. After the storm, the sky cleared. ✓**

Which of the following sentences correctly uses commas in dates and addresses? (Select all that apply)

- A. She was born on July 4 1990.

- B. She was born on July 4, 1990. ✓
- C. She lives at 123 Main Street, Springfield, Illinois. ✓
- D. She lives at 123 Main Street Springfield Illinois.

Discuss the importance of commas in clarifying meaning in complex sentences. Provide an example to illustrate your point.

For example, consider the sentence: "Let's eat, Grandma!" versus "Let's eat Grandma!" The first sentence, with the comma, invites Grandma to eat, while the second, without the comma, suggests a rather alarming scenario of eating Grandma.

Explain the difference between a comma splice and a correctly punctuated compound sentence.

A comma splice is a grammatical error where two independent clauses are joined by just a comma, whereas a correctly punctuated compound sentence connects two independent clauses with a comma and a coordinating conjunction (like 'and', 'but', or 'or') or with a semicolon.

Write a sentence using a comma to set off an introductory element.

After a long day at work, I enjoy relaxing with a good book.

Why is the serial (Oxford) comma considered important in some contexts? Provide an example where its use changes the meaning of a sentence.

The serial (Oxford) comma is important because it can change the meaning of a sentence. For example, 'I love my parents, Oprah Winfrey and God' suggests that Oprah Winfrey and God are the speaker's parents, while 'I love my parents, Oprah Winfrey, and God' indicates three separate entities.

Which sentence correctly uses a comma with an introductory element?

- A. Because it was raining we stayed inside.
- B. Because it was raining, we stayed inside. ✓
- C. We stayed inside, because it was raining.
- D. We stayed inside because, it was raining.

What is the purpose of the serial (Oxford) comma?

A. To separate two independent clauses

B. To clarify the last items in a list ✓

C. To introduce a list

D. To end a sentence

In which sentences are commas used to separate nonessential clauses? (Select all that apply)

A. The car that is parked outside is mine.

B. The car, which is parked outside, is mine. ✓

C. The car which is parked outside is mine.

D. The car, that is parked outside, is mine.

What is the primary function of a comma in a sentence?

A. To end a sentence

B. To indicate a pause ✓

C. To show possession

D. To separate syllables

In which sentence is the comma used to set off nonessential information?

A. My sister who lives in London is visiting.

B. My sister, who lives in London, is visiting. ✓

C. My sister who lives in London, is visiting.

D. My sister, who lives in London is visiting.

Which sentence correctly uses commas to separate coordinate adjectives?

A. It was a cold windy day.

B. It was a cold, windy day. ✓

C. It was a cold windy, day.

D. It was a cold, windy, day.

Which sentence correctly uses a comma to separate items in a list?

A. I bought apples oranges and bananas.

B. I bought apples, oranges, and bananas. ✓

- C. I bought apples oranges, and bananas.
- D. I bought, apples, oranges and bananas.

Describe the role of commas in separating coordinate adjectives and provide an example.

The role of commas in separating coordinate adjectives is to clarify that each adjective independently modifies the noun. For example: 'It was a long, tiring journey.'

Which sentences correctly use commas in direct address? (Select all that apply)

- A. Yes Doctor, I will do it.
- B. Yes, Doctor, I will do it. ✓**
- C. Yes, Doctor I will do it.
- D. Yes, Doctor, I will do it. ✓**

Which of the following sentences contains a comma splice?

- A. I love reading, and I enjoy writing.
- B. I love reading, I enjoy writing. ✓**
- C. I love reading and enjoy writing.
- D. I love reading; I enjoy writing.

Which sentences demonstrate correct use of commas with conjunctions? (Select all that apply)

- A. I wanted to go but, it was raining.
- B. I wanted to go, but it was raining. ✓**
- C. I wanted to go but it was raining.
- D. I wanted to go, it was raining.