

Name _____

Commas

English—Wall

The three most important comma rules:

1. In COMPOUND sentences.

It is supposed to rain today, so I will bring an umbrella.

2. In a LIST of three or more items.

My favorite desserts are boysenberry pie, chocolate mousse, and homemade ice cream.

3. To separate introductory material from the rest of the sentence.

While I drive to school, I listen to music on Pandora.

INSTRUCTIONS: Insert commas where needed in the following sentences.

1. My parents think I'm allergic to broccoli but I really just dislike the stuff.
2. After carefully considering what she was going to say Kerry phoned her boyfriend.
3. The expectant father smoked two packs of cigarettes drank five cups of coffee and paced back and forth continuously.
4. The new trainee stocks shelves in the morning and takes inventory in the afternoon.
5. The emergency room doctor has dislodged pennies bits of crayon and buttons from children's throats.
6. Because I had stayed up to watch the late-night horror show I fell asleep during my calculus exam.
7. Except for a fistfight the party was a great success.
8. Gina had no idea how old the universe was but she suspected it was about the same age as her parents.
9. The home team was behind by five runs so fans began approaching the exits.
10. Since the home team was behind by five runs the fans began approaching the exits.