

ANSWERS--MORE Commas

English 1A—Wall

Here are three more comma rules:

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

While I drive to school, I listen to music on Pandora. ← A COMPLEX sentence.

Yes, I think I will have some dessert.

4. Around words that interrupt the flow of a sentence.

The waiter, however, was not very helpful.

Everyone knows, Kevin, that you are not very funny.

5. In dates, addresses, and letters.

The wedding occurred on May 27, 2013.

He lives at 435 Coronado Ct, Tracy CA 94567

Dear Grandma, Sincerely yours,

INSTRUCTIONS: Insert commas where needed in the following sentences.

1. Because I stayed up to watch the horror show, I fell asleep during my calculus exam.

2. Penguins' wings, which are short and thick, are not designed for flight.

3. Except for a fistfight, the party was a great success.

4. King Arthur, according to legend, will return some day to rule Britain.

5. Since the home team was behind by five runs, the fans began approaching the exits.

6. Grandfather likes to joke that his hometown, which has only one traffic light and two gas stations, could be missed if a traveler blinked.

7. After carefully considering what she was going to say, Kerry phoned her boyfriend.

8. Well, look who's coming in our direction.

9. My sister lives at 2 Dog Lane, Canine SC 09999

Note: the U.S. Postal Service prefers that we omit the comma after the city name.

10. It's about time that you woke up, Sleepyhead, and got out of bed.

11. San Franciscans were awakened by an earthquake on the morning of April 18, 1906.