

COMMA EXERCISES

Please insert commas where necessary in the following sentences:

1. Oil which is lighter than water rises to the surface.
2. Nice is a word with many meanings and some of them are contradictory.
3. The closet contained worn clothes old shoes and dirty hats.
4. After surviving this ordeal the trapper felt relieved.
5. Mark Twain's early novels I believe stand the test of time.
6. December 7 1941 will never be forgotten.
7. The field was safe enough wasn't it?
8. Write the editor of the Atlantic 8 Arlington Street Boston Massachusetts 02116.
9. He replied "I have no idea what you mean."
10. After a good washing and grooming the pup looked like a new dog.
11. Because of their opposition to institutions that force creatures to live in captivity some people refuse to go to the zoo.
12. Vests which were once popular have been out of vogue for several years.
13. As a celestial goddess she regulated the course of the heavenly bodies and controlled the alternating seasons.
14. There was no question that John's painting a huge colorful and ugly mural was the worst entry in the art exhibit.
15. Wernher von Braun Willy Ley and Edward Teller noted authorities in the field of rocket development have done much to guide the missile program of the United States.
16. Mr. Cready's ability to say the wrong thing at the wrong time is I believe amazing.
17. Running around the house the dog was abruptly stopped by a fence.
18. If the opposition should win our candidate would never have any political future.
19. Gracefully lightly and daintily the ballerina moved across the stage.
20. *Glamour* the woman's fashion magazine recently incorporated with *Charm* another fashion journal.

21. Mr. Leyland played the viola professionally for many years and he now conducts a community orchestra.
22. The crab grass was flourishing but the rest of the lawn unfortunately was dying.
23. As I turned around I heard a loud thump for the cat had upset the goldfish bowl.
24. He looked carefully in the underbrush but he failed to notice the pair of green eyes staring at him.
25. The foundations of the house had been poured but to his disappointment nothing else had been done because of the carpenters' strike.
26. I thought registration day would be tiring but I didn't know I'd have to stand in so many lines.
27. Professors are supposed to be absent-minded and I've seen plenty of evidence to support that claim since I've been in college.
28. I have read *Soul on Ice* but I have not read *The Invisible Man*.
29. The quarterback made a brilliant pass and at the end crossed the goal line for the winning touchdown.
30. The obstacles are not insurmountable but they are real and formidable.
31. Not all highly educated people enjoy traveling but many world travelers are particularly well educated.
32. Katherine has given up smoking about five times but she cannot seem to break the habit.
33. His work may be almost totally forgotten but he would certainly be surprised to see how much current scholarship simply echoes his ideas.
34. The passengers on the plane were initially alarmed by the loss of altitude but the pilot and the crew kept them calm.
35. Ralph decided to be a chemist but he changed his mind after taking Chemistry 121.
36. I finished reading *The Nation* and then I went to bed.
37. The president has pledged to cut taxes repeatedly and the public has responded enthusiastically.
38. Joe was born on May 7 1955 and his best friend was born exactly two months later on July 7 1955.
39. Mr. and Mrs. Kwon my parents' best friends sat in front of us at the football game.
40. Celene who does not usually tell anyone what she feels said she didn't want to go to the dance.
41. To get tickets for some Broadway musicals one has to order three months in advance.

42. Listening to the radio June heard an announcement that Spangler his own dog was lost.
43. I used to live at 16689 Sutton Avenue Milpitas California but we have since moved to 1895 Holland Way Dubuque Iowa.
44. The Valley of the Moon the name of a section in Napa County California is the heart of the state's wine producing area.
45. Chris did not see how he could organize write and proofread this paper in only two hours.
46. By the pilings of the old pier I found four starfish a clam and a sea anemone.
47. Yes Helen did mention that all three of you were coming for lunch.
48. I believe therefore that fraternities are good influences on a college campus.
49. The girl with the bright friendly smile wore a bright green scarf to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
50. As he read the Chekhov story he became aware of the Russian's genius.
51. Dauphin Island located off the coast of Alabama is a favorite spot for fishing.
52. She was as a matter of fact mainly interested in showing off her vocabulary.
53. I often go to the seashore and collect rocks there.
54. Tomorrow I believe is the last day to register to vote in the November general election.
55. To perform well on Saturday afternoon the athlete must train every day of the week.
56. Having cut the roses she decided to bring them to her friend in the hospital.
57. After discussing "Rain" we agreed that Somerset Maugham could really tell a good story.
58. Before reaching the summit the climbers were forced by a storm to turn back.
59. Lady Jane Grey was the queen of England from July 10 1553 to July 19 1553.
60. Meg Fisher my cousin hopes to graduate from law school in two years.