
The following sentences may be missing commas or may have incorrectly placed commas. If a sentence has an error, select the correct version. Otherwise, select "No change."

35. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet and it sits 11,800 feet above sea level.

- A. No change.
 - B. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet, and it sits 11,800 feet above sea level.
 - C. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet and, it sits 11,800 feet above sea level.
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36. The Chinese have attempted to modernize Lhasa but, an ancient aura still pervades the city.

- A. No change.
 - B. The Chinese have attempted to modernize Lhasa but an ancient aura still pervades the city.
 - C. The Chinese have attempted to modernize Lhasa, but an ancient aura still pervades the city.
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37. The Potala Palace, the "Palace of the Gods," dominates Lhasa and, this immense, eleven-story complex of buildings is where the Dalai Lama has traditionally lived.

- A. The Potala Palace, the "Palace of the Gods," dominates Lhasa, and this immense, eleven-story complex of buildings is where the Dalai Lama has traditionally lived.
 - B. The Potala Palace, the "Palace of the Gods," dominates Lhasa and this immense, eleven-story complex of buildings is where the Dalai Lama has traditionally lived.
 - C. No change.
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38. Lhasa was founded in A.D. 400 as a fortress but after the Potala Palace was built, Lhasa became a religious center.

- A. No change.
 - B. Lhasa was founded in A.D. 400 as a fortress, but after the Potala Palace was built, Lhasa became a religious center.
 - C. Lhasa was founded in A.D. 400 as a fortress but after, the Potala Palace was built, Lhasa became a religious center.
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Choose the version of each sentence that correctly uses commas after introductory elements.

39.

- A. Sometime in the late 1980s the U.S. government began a plan to build a courthouse and office building in lower Manhattan.
 - B. Sometime in the late 1980s, the U.S. government began a plan to build a courthouse and office building in lower Manhattan.
 - C. Sometime, in the late 1980s the U.S. government began a plan to build a courthouse and office building in lower Manhattan.
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40.

- A. To get permission to build the government, had to do an environmental impact study.
 - B. To get permission to build, the government had to do an environmental impact study.
 - C. To get permission to build the government had to do an environmental impact study.
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41.

- A. During this, environmental impact study consultants discovered that the proposed building would be built on top of an African slave burial ground.
 - B. During this environmental impact study consultants discovered that the proposed building would be built on top of an African slave burial ground.
 - C. During this environmental impact study, consultants discovered that the proposed building would be built on top of an African slave burial ground.
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Choose the version of each sentence that correctly uses commas with nonrestrictive (nonessential) word groups; transitional, parenthetical, and contrasting expressions; and absolute phrases.

42.

- A. Travelers who will be taking international flights this year are advised to take extra precautions, such as bringing extra identification and avoiding the most popular routes.
 - B. Travelers, who will be taking international flights this year, are advised to take extra precautions such as bringing extra identification and avoiding the most popular routes.
 - C. Travelers who will be taking international flights this year are advised to take extra precautions such as bringing extra identification and avoiding the most popular routes.
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43.

- A. The students, in Psychology 101, crowded into the stuffy lecture hall sweating and fanning themselves.
 - B. The students in Psychology 101 crowded into the stuffy lecture hall sweating and fanning themselves.
 - C. The students in Psychology 101 crowded into the stuffy lecture hall, sweating and fanning themselves.
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44.

- A. The professor cool and commanding, strode into the room.
 - B. The professor cool and commanding strode into the room.
 - C. The professor, cool and commanding, strode into the room.
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Choose the version of each sentence that correctly uses commas between items in a series.

45.

- A. The sign at the trailhead dictated that all hikers had to have proper equipment, such as a first aid kit a whistle a map and a compass.
 - B. The sign at the trailhead dictated that all hikers had to have proper equipment, such as a first aid kit, a whistle, a map, and a compass.
 - C. The sign at the trailhead dictated that all hikers had to have proper equipment, such as a first aid kit, a whistle, a map and a compass.
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46.

- A. In addition, the sign told us not to wear cotton clothing, jeans, or sneakers.
 - B. In addition, the sign told us not to wear cotton, clothing, jeans, or sneakers.
 - C. In addition, the sign told us not to wear cotton clothing, jeans or sneakers.
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47.

- A. Three members of the group--Fran, Jeremy and Dave--were underprepared, but Gail and Pete had brought along extra gear.

- B. Three members of the group--Fran, Jeremy, and Dave--were underprepared, but Gail and Pete had brought along extra gear.
- C. Three members of the group--Fran Jeremy and Dave--were underprepared, but Gail and Pete had brought along extra gear.
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Choose the sentence in each pair that uses end punctuation correctly.

48.

- A. In some places, the ocean is more than seven miles deep!
- B. In some places, the ocean is more than seven miles deep.
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49.

- A. Enormous pressure and complete darkness in the depths make it difficult for humans to discover what is down there.
- B. Enormous pressure and complete darkness in the depths make it difficult for humans to discover what is down there?
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50.

- A. When deep-sea fishing boats haul up their nets, they sometimes contain creatures never before seen or prehistoric life forms believed to be extinct?
- B. When deep-sea fishing boats haul up their nets, they sometimes contain creatures never before seen or prehistoric life forms believed to be extinct.
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51.

- A. The sheer size of the ocean depths indicates that there may be many more species down there than are found on land.
- B. The sheer size of the ocean depths indicates that there may be many more species down there than are found on land!
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Semicolons--Select the version of each sentence that is correctly punctuated.

52.

- A. Many Americans think of the years after World War II as a golden era, a time before modern complexities made life more difficult.
- B. Many Americans think of the years after World War II as a golden era; a time before modern complexities made life more difficult.
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53.

- A. Besides failing to consider the quality of life at that time for women and minorities, an idyllic view of the mid-twentieth century ignores other issues as well.
- B. Besides failing to consider the quality of life at that time for women and minorities; an idyllic view of the mid-twentieth century ignores other issues as well.
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54.

- A. The late 1940s and 1950s marked the height of the Cold War era, many Americans were frightened about what might happen in the future.

B. The late 1940s and 1950s marked the height of the Cold War era; many Americans were frightened about what might happen in the future.

55.

A. The Soviet Union, an ally of the United States during World War II, took control of the governments of neighboring countries, China, after a civil war, fell under Communist rule, and the Korean conflict, in which Americans were involved, seemed to prove that Communists wanted to take over as much land as possible.

B. The Soviet Union, an ally of the United States during World War II, took control of the governments of neighboring countries; China, after a civil war, fell under Communist rule; and the Korean conflict, in which Americans were involved, seemed to prove that Communists wanted to take over as much land as possible.

In each of the following items, select the sentence that makes no errors in the use of apostrophes.

56.

A. Grammar isnt everybodys favorite subject.

B. Grammar isn't everybody's favorite subject.

C. Grammar isn't everybodys' favorite subject.

57.

A. The guy whose been giving you a ride after work called at about nine o'clock.

B. The guy who's been giving you a ride after work called at about nine 'o clock.

C. The guy who's been giving you a ride after work called at about nine o'clock.

58.

A. Who will the critics' identify as the best new novelist of the decade?

B. Who will the critic's identify as the best new novelist of the decade?

C. Who will the critics identify as the best new novelist of the decade?

59.

A. Carol's and Jim income dropped drastically after Jim lost his job.

B. Carol and Jim's income dropped drastically after Jim lost his job.

C. Carol's and Jim's income dropped drastically after Jim lost his job.

60.

A. It's true that a snake sheds its own skin and usually swallows its prey whole.

B. It's true that a snake sheds it's own skin and usually swallows it's prey whole.

C. Its true that a snake sheds it's own skin and usually swallows it's prey whole.

In each of the following pairs, select the sentence that correctly uses quotation marks.

61.

A. "To be or not to be" is probably one of the most famous lines in the English language.

B. To be or not to be is probably one of the most famous lines in the English language.

62.

A. A famous line that most children grow up learning in history class is Nathan Hale's saying, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

B. A famous line that most children grow up learning in history class is Nathan Hale's saying "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

63.

A. Another American whose words are often quoted by schoolchildren is Abraham Lincoln; his Gettysburg Address speech is often assigned to students.

B. Another American whose words are often quoted by schoolchildren is Abraham Lincoln; his "Gettysburg Address" speech is often assigned to students.

64.

A. Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" is often the first poem memorized by students in American schools.

B. Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken* is often the first poem memorized by students in American schools.

Colons--Select the version of each sentence that is correctly punctuated.

65.

A. In 1910, Robert Falcon Scott led his second expedition to Antarctica with two objectives to collect scientific data and to be the first humans at the South Pole.

B. In 1910, Robert Falcon Scott led his second expedition to Antarctica with two objectives: to collect scientific data and to be the first humans at the South Pole.

66.

A. The story of Scott's difficult journey continues to fascinate armchair adventurers: even though the expedition was, in many ways, a failure.

B. The story of Scott's difficult journey continues to fascinate armchair adventurers even though the expedition was, in many ways, a failure.

In each of the following items, select the sentence that makes no errors in the use of capitalization.

67.

A. The town in the south where I was raised had a statue of a Civil War Soldier in the center of Main street.

B. The town in the South where I was raised had a statue of a Civil War soldier in the center of Main Street.

C. The town in the South where I was raised had a statue of a Civil War Soldier in the center of Main Street.

68.

A. I caught a glimpse of President Bill Clinton and his family.

B. I caught a glimpse of president Bill Clinton and his family.

C. I caught a glimpse of President Bill Clinton and his Family.

69.

A. My favorite song by cole Porter is "You'd be so Nice to Come Home To."

B. My favorite song by Cole Porter is "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To."

C. My favorite song by Cole Porter is "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To."

In each of the following items, select the sentence that makes no errors in the appropriate use of abbreviations in academic writing.

70.

A. The old NBC show is set in a fictional L.A. law firm.

- B. The old National Broadcasting Company show is set in a fictional Los Angeles law firm.
C. The old NBC show is set in a fictional Los Angeles law firm.
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71.

- A. An MX missile, which is 71 feet long and 92 inches around, weighs 190,000 pounds.
B. An MX missile, which is 71 ft. long and 92 in. around, weighs 190,000 lbs.
C. A Maxwell missile, which is 71 feet long and 92 inches around, weighs 190,000 lbs.
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In each of the following items, select the sentence that uses numbers correctly and consistently.

72.

- A. 307 miles long and 82 miles wide, the island offered little of interest.
B. Three hundred seven miles long and eighty-two miles wide, the island offered little of interest.
C. Three hundred seven miles long and 82 miles wide, the island offered little of interest.
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73.

- A. Time will provide perspective on the economic crisis of the '80s.
B. Time will provide perspective on the economic crisis of the eighties.
C. Time will provide perspective on the economic crisis of the nineteen hundred eighties.
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In each of the following items, select the sentence that uses italics correctly and consistently.

74.

- A. Hawthorne's story *My Kinsman, Major Molineux* bears a striking resemblance to Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
B. Hawthorne's story "My Kinsman, Major Molineux" bears a striking resemblance to Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
C. Hawthorne's story *My Kinsman, Major Molineux* bears a striking resemblance to Shakespeare's play "A Midsummer Night's Dream."
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75.

- A. Is Samuel Beckett's play *Endgame* a sequel to Shakespeare's *King Lear*?
B. Is Samuel Beckett's play "Endgame" a sequel to Shakespeare's "King Lear"?
C. Is Samuel Beckett's play *Endgame* a sequel to Shakespeare's *King Lear*?