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10. Betsy wanted to do well on the exam but she felt too sick to try.	
 No one wanted to referee the volleyball games for everyone wanted to participate as a player instead. 	
 Henry danced all night and he still got up early to go to work. 	
 Matilda enjoyed riding her horse and she spent hours grooming it every Sunday. 	
4. Jessica was considered the best artist in the senior class yet she had never taken any art courses.	
5. Under no circumstances would he build a new fence nor would he repair the old one.	
6. The tomato plants were nearly three feet high by July and the corn towered over them.	
7. Don't drink the water and don't wander off on your own.	

CHAPTER 24 Punctuation

Commas with Clauses and Phrases

EXERCISE Examine the punctuation in each sentence. On the line provided, write C if the punctuation is correct or I if it is incorrect. Then insert commas where needed and slash through commas that are not needed.

EXAMPLES	The team/ that had won the most games during the regular season/ won the trophy.
	Thermal windows, which sandwich a layer of air between two sheets of glass, are very effective insulators.
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She kept all	the French and Spanish books that she had borrowed from

- the library in one place.
- 2. Studies indicate that the color blue, because it suggests the vast or intangible things of the world, is the favorite color of the aged.
- 3. Of all the American playwrights, the author, that I like the best, is Lillian Hellman.
- 4. With feelings of nostalgia and sadness, which he did not understand, the man watched the graduates enter the auditorium.
- 5. The old house, which had stood vacant for years, was finally demolished.
- 6. Holding on tightly to his mother who was in a great hurry the child scampered along on his chubby legs.
- 7. Spring is a sudden season; it seems that trees which are bare one day are in full bloom the next.
- 8. The large-eyed doe, pausing for an instant before flight, was a model of delicacy and grace.
- 9. In the Northeast, "frost heaves," which push up from beneath the ground, alter the surfaces of roads every day.
- 10. Most children, who are old enough to go to school, are able to cross streets by themselves.
- 11. The kitchen which had just been remodeled was the most comfortable room in the house.
- 12. This stapler which is just like the one in my office helped immensely.
- 13. Tank tops which are currently in style were very popular during the Roaring Twenties.
- 14. The hobby horse taken to the attic years ago brought tears to his eyes.
- 15. All the students, who are taking Early English Drama I, are invited to attend the performance.
- 16. Mr. Yue, who is very active in community affairs, joined the local chapter of Concerned Citizens of Ridgely Falls.

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Commas After Introductory Elements

Use a comma after words such as well, yes, no, and why when they begin a sentence. Use a comma after an introductory participial phrase and after an introductory adverb clause. Use a comma after a succession of three or more introductory prepositional phrases.

EXERCISE If a sentence below is punctuated correctly, write C on the line provided. If it is punctuated incorrectly, write I on the line, and insert commas where needed in the sentence.

EX	AMPLE: Behaving like a spoiled child, he pouted and sulked.
1.	While the orchestra played the overture late arrivals hurried to their seats.
2.	Yes, I will take the books back to the library.
3.	Gritting her teeth, she exerted a final spurt of energy and crossed the finish line.
4.	Well I certainly don't know where the stamps are.
5.	No I didn't borrow the album.
6.	Jogging along the street she met many people walking their dogs.
7.	Whenever I practice the mandolin the neighbors like to listen.
8.	Practicing on the tennis court, she became hot, tired, and thirsty.
9.	While watching late movies she solved crossword puzzles or wrote letters.
10.	Yes I will be going away to college in the fall.
11.	Whenever I go to the bank the lines for check cashing are long and slow.
12.	Well I studied as hard as I could.
13.	No, I've decided to stay home.
14.	Of the people in the back of the room only a few could see the demonstration clearly.
15.	Running through the park he noticed many people playing ball.
16.	While the teacher talked about the exam the whole class took notes.
17.	Yes Sally is going to meet you after work.
18.	While sunbathing at the beach, Sandra got quite a burn.
19.	Leaving the party early Barbara rode her bike home.
20.	Well I have to agree with John on that issue.