**Grammar Mania Monday: Commas in Sentences** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Use a comma before a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that joins **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in a compound sentence.
  + - I wanted to go to the game but I had to clean my room first.
  + Sometimes a sentence has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but is not a compound sentence. Do not use a comma in this kind of sentence.
    - I **cleaned my room** and **went to the game**.
* Use commas after every item in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ except the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one.
  + A series consists of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or more items.
    - The story of Daedalus and his son Icarus teaches us about **cleverness stubbornness** and **foolishness.**
    - Icarus and Daedalus **put on their wings** **ran along the beach** and **flew toward the open sea**.
* Use commas between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rank that modify the same noun.
  + - Both father and son made a **quick** **daring** escape.
  + If the adjectives do not coordinate, don’t separate them with a comma.

   The adorable little boy was eating ice cream.

* Use a comma after an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ word or phrase to separate it from the rest of the sentence.
  + - **Recklessl**y Icarus flew too close to the sun.
    - **According to Greek myth** Icarus fell when his wings melted.
* Use commas to set off words or phrases that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so to speak, the flow of thought in a sentence.
  + - The myth has been told **I am certain** by many authors.
    - Daedalus **however** did fly to freedom.

If “however” comes between two complete sentences, you will need to use a semicolon before the word and a comma after.

Daedelus lost his son however he still successfully flew to freedom.

* Use commas to set off nouns of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + A noun of direct address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the person or group being spoken to.
    - **Devon** explain why Daedalus warned Icarus about the sun.
    - Don’t forget **class** that Icarus didn’t listen to his father.
* An appositive is a word or phrase that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a noun or pronoun that comes right before it.
  + Use commas when the appositive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Do **not** use commas when the appositive is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make the meaning clear.
    - Olivia E. Coolidge **an English author** wrote about Greek myths.
    - The English author **Olivia E. Coolidge** wrote about Greek myths.
  + Use a comma between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

   My birthday is June 7, 1995.

* + Use a comma between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

   I was born in Watertown, South Dakota.

* + If the sentence continues, there should also be a comma after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

   We left for Seattle, Washington, on August 24, 2016, in the afternoon.

Group Practice

1. Go past the white church turn left walk to the end of the street and you will see my house.
2. Tom started writing his essay two hours ago and he completed it by noon.
3. If I could repeat the tenth grade I would do things differently.
4. Science topics we’ll be studying this year include cells earth systems and the hydrologic cycle.
5. Mrs. Aman my English teacher says we have to learn how to use commas.
6. As a student I always had dreams of being a famous rock star.
7. No Jackie I don’t want to go with Mark.
8. My mom who is a nurse cares for the sick injured and disabled.
9. We are having peas and carrots roast beef and cake for dinner.

Individual Practice

1. Tuesday which also happens to be my birthday is the only day we can take the test.
2. Jack come to my house after school.
3. Emilio my next-door neighbor has two daughters a son and a puppy.
4. Unfortunately I didn’t finish my English homework.
5. I can go to the park with you but I have to do my homework first.
6. You are I am sure telling the truth.
7. Now Mr. Bond we will saw you in half.
8. On June 23 2017 we will take a trip to Fargo North Dakota.
9. In case you haven’t heard it’s my birthday tomorrow.
10. I wanted to go to the game however my parents wouldn’t let me.