



## Using Commas: Exercise #1 Answers

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- C   He left the scene of the accident and tried to forget that it had happened. (rules 13 and 4)
- 3   Oil, which is lighter than water, rises to the surface.
- 6   Madame de Stael was an attractive, gracious lady.
- 1   *Nice* is a word with many meanings, and some of them are contradictory.
- C   The contractor testified that the house was completed and that the work had been done properly. (rules 14 and 4)
- C   Some people refuse to go to the zoo because of pity for creatures that must live in small cages. (rules 2 and 4)
- C   Taxicabs that are dirty are illegal in some cities. (rule 4)
- 5   The closet contained worn clothes, old shoes, and dirty hats.
- C   The uninvited guest wore a dark blue tweed suit. (rule 6)
- 2   After surviving this ordeal, the trapper felt relieved.
- 3   Mark Twain's early novels, I believe, stand the test of time.
- 9   December 7, 1941, will never be forgotten.
- 7   The field was safe enough, wasn't it?
- 9   Write the editor of the *Atlantic*, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116.
- 10   He replied, "I have no idea what you mean."
- 2   After a good washing and grooming, the pup looked like a new dog.
- 2   Because of their opposition to institutions that force creatures to live in captivity, some people refuse to go to the zoo.
- C   Men who are bald are frequently the ones who are the most authoritative on the subject of baldness. (rule 4)
- 3   Vests, which were once popular, have been out of vogue for several years.
- 2   As a celestial goddess, she regulated the course of the heavenly bodies and controlled the alternating seasons. (also, rule 13)
- C   I hope that someday he will learn how to be polite. (rule 4)

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