

COMMAS – EXERCISE 4

Directions: Read the items below. If you believe punctuation should separate the two words, then add a comma in the box. If you believe no punctuation is necessary, put an **X** in the box. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. Chad hopes to play professional football ☐ in the future ☐ so he regularly works out at the gym where he lifts weights, runs laps, drinks vitamin-enriched smoothies ☐ and ogles pretty girls ☐ as he gets strong ☐ and fast for tryouts.
2. “Quickly ☐ Annabelle ☐ put your notes away ☐ ” ☐ warned Ms. Simmons as she passed out the quiz. Annabelle did as she was asked ☐ for she had all of the comma rules written on her wrists.
3. On the way ☐ to American Lit ☐ Drew saw Marc ☐ the most handsome man in calculus ☐ so she risked missing the lecture ☐ to chat with him in the cafeteria.
4. Whenever Maria needs to study ☐ she sits in the garage. She cannot study ☐ in the house ☐ because her children watch television with the volume on high. In addition ☐ the phone rings constantly with new ☐ juicy gossip from her sisters.
5. “Well done ☐ ” ☐ said Professor Bekas ☐ who had just finished grading Samilia’s comma quiz. With the extra credit points ☐ that Samilia had earned in class ☐ she scored a 117.
6. Perched on the seats like human passengers ☐ seven ☐ fat sheep accompanied a farmer to market. Joe ☐ sitting across the aisle ☐ wished that he had biked to downtown Manila instead of riding the overcrowded ☐ smelly bus.
7. To get an A ☐ on his biology quiz ☐ Francisco drew and labeled frog parts ☐ on his wrist ☐ so that he could surreptitiously check his answers ☐ when Dr. Keiper wasn’t looking.

8. Because Sarah has chemistry at the other end of campus ☐ she must run ☐ to her 10 a.m. class ☐ ignoring all of her friends ☐ who try to greet her ☐ on the way.
9. My friend Harry ☐ who lives alone ☐ only goes food shopping ☐ if a hurricane is about to hit the area ☐ or if he's down to using dish soap ☐ as shampoo.
10. Whenever Maria is housecleaning ☐ she tunes the radio to her favorite salsa station ☐ sings ☐ and dances ☐ while she dusts ☐ and vacuums.
11. Laverne knows ☐ that she is in big trouble ☐ because she has turned in neither of her essays for Mr. Beane ☐ who has no patience for late work ☐ excuses ☐ or apologies.
12. To get on Mrs. Markham's good side ☐ Jason brought his teacher her favorite dish ☐ delicious ☐ chocolate-broccoli muffins ☐ with green ☐ cream cheese frosting.
13. On a dare ☐ Michael spent the night ☐ in the Finklestein's abandoned house ☐ which has inspired stories of ghosts ☐ who will suck out a person's eyes ☐ and eat them like grapes.
14. Oreo ☐ my black and white basenji puppy ☐ loves to chase the cat ☐ around the house ☐ and lick dry the legs of anyone ☐ stepping out of the shower.
15. Because Gloria is such a picky housekeeper ☐ she inspects any dishwashing that her roommate ☐ Delores does ☐ checking, for example ☐ that all the lipstick has been removed from the rims of cups ☐ and glasses.
16. Ignoring his burning tongue and fingers ☐ Frankie sipped the steaming ☐ sugar-loaded coffee ☐ as he tried to warm up ☐ after four hours of snow skiing ☐ in subzero weather.
17. Dustin loves internet auctions ☐ so he spends hours on eBay ☐ where he bids on comic books ☐ antique milk bottles ☐ and unicorn figurines ☐ to add to his collections.

18. Lying on the coffee table were Casey's school books ☐ the ones he needed to complete his homework. Unfortunately ☐ the TV remote ☐ also ☐ lay beside them ☐ so Casey spent the evening channel surfing instead of preparing for his Tuesday classes.
19. Nancy discarded one dress after another ☐ as she prepared for her first date with Ray. Across town ☐ Ray threw on a wrinkled ☐ dirty T-shirt ☐ and old jeans ☐ completely unconcerned about the first impression he would make.
20. Baking in the hot sun ☐ Rachel swatted biting mosquitoes ☐ wiped sweat from her face ☐ and rubbed her sore arms ☐ as she cleared the overgrown ☐ thorny bushes along the fence line.

