## Practice with Commas

Directions: Put commas where they belong. A few of these sentences do not need commas.

1. We are having peas and carrots roast beef and cake for dinner.

2. Dr. Pfizer my physician says I should take better care of my health.

3. My 4th grade teacher always said “Remember Ethan use commas before and after you address someone directly.”

4. Piglet said “Did you see the Heffalump?”

5. The teachers at Aarhus University try hard to use commas correctly.

6. Tom painted the fence white blue and green.

7. We waited at the bus stop on Park Allé after school.

8. My mom who is a nurse cares for the sick injured and disabled.

9. One famous basketball player Michael Jordan won five MVP awards.

10. "Well we were always going to fail that one" said Ron gloomily as they ascended the marble staircase.

11. Robert Louis Stevenson was a Scottish writer of novels poems and essays.

12. Now Mr. Bond we will saw you in half.

13. They crawled into a forest like the big unlucky mammals they were.

14. Chicago the largest city in the Midwest is the home of the skyscraper blues and deep-dish pizza.

15. No Mr. Krabs I don’t want your secret recipe.

16. Alice said “Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”

17. Emilio my next-door neighbor has two daughters a son and a puppy.

18. That Tuesday which also happens to be my birthday is the only day we can take the test.

19. Fred who often cheats on his homework is really only harming himself.

20. Martin Braithwaite the footballer was just hired by Barcelona.

## Commas vs. semicolons

Directions: determine whether the clauses need to be joined with commas or semicolons. Put the proper punctuation on the blank.

1. The artist preferred to paint in oils \_\_\_\_ he did not like watercolors.

2. Even when the house looks clean \_\_\_\_ there is usually a bunch of dirt swept under the rug.

3. I’m going to leave early today \_\_\_\_ unless the boss comes back from the meeting.

4. The computer can perform many calculations at once \_\_\_\_ however, it cannot reason like a human.

5. In the first place, it was snowing too hard to see the road \_\_\_\_ in the second place, we had no chains.

6. The challenges are not impossible \_\_\_ but they are very hard to clear.

7. I’m going to do all of my English homework every night \_\_\_\_ because that’s how you get an “A”.

8. If he misses his appointment \_\_\_\_ he’ll have to wait another six months to see the dentist.

9. There are many negative side effects to smoking \_\_\_ there are no positive side effects from smoking.