

Using a Comma to Answer Yes or No

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Read the story about Michelle and Tony's day. Then answer the questions.

An Ordinary Day

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2. Did the kids check to see if they had their homework?
3. Did Michelle's alarm go off before Tony's alarm did?
4. Did the children's mother make eggs for breakfast?
5. Did Michelle go downstairs at 6:30 a.m.?
6. Did Tony start eating breakfast before his sister did?
7. Did the children's father put their dishes into the sink?
8. Did the children sometimes arrive at school late?
9. Did Tony jangle his keys by the door?
10. Did they all smile when they got into the car on time?

No, she didn't.

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