

**ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS**

EXERCISE

Please make note of the following examples; then add commas where necessary.

EX:

The man wearing black is Jack's cousin.

Mr. Morris, wearing black, is Jack's cousin.

The man looking around the room noticed the new picture on the wall.

My cousin Jack, looking around the room, noticed the new picture on the wall.

1. The door to my room sporting the George Bush poster is never left open.
2. The girl leaning over the railing shouted to her friends in the hallway below.
3. The hermit crab, wearing a borrowed house, has to change its home often.
4. The autumn trees, waving leaves in the breeze, were ablaze with color.
5. A girl living down the street walks her dog at this time every day.
6. We counted one or two cities stretching up the mountain.
7. Sparta and Athens, forgetting their jealousies and joining their forces, fought off the attack of the Persians.
8. Most of his writings are notes taken by his own students.
9. The man faint and reeling this way and that stumbled to the ground.
10. John, faint and reeling this way and that, stumbled to the ground.
11. The injured sparrow, healed at last, was freed this morning.
12. Thomas, falling to his knees, quietly said a prayer of thanks.
13. The man falling to his knees quietly said a prayer of thanks.
14. The woman standing by the table is my sister Carole.
15. Mrs. Smith's husband, finding the mailbox empty, returned to his work in the garage.
16. The coach, pleased with his team's performance, ordered pizza for everyone.
17. The person finding the wallet might not return it.
18. The painting hanging in the living room is in need of cleaning.
19. The Monet, painting hanging in the living room, is in need of cleaning.

20. Sam just bought a book recommended by his English professor.
21. The entire Wilcox fortune, invested in stocks and bonds, doubled in less than two years.
22. My grandson Thomas, greeting me with hug, knocked me off my feet.
23. The boy helping the old woman across the street is my grandson.
24. My favorite cousin, working as a computer trouble-shooter, always gives me advice with my computer problems.
25. The green dragon, frightening everyone in its path, burned down the town schoolhouse.
26. Bing Crosby, known for his famous singing voice, entertained people world wide.
27. The man standing on the corner is selling magazine subscriptions.
28. The poem "My Shadow," written by Robert Louis Stevenson, has delighted the child in all of us.
29. The letter addressed to Mrs. Blackham has been sent all over the country.
30. Christopher, just learning to read, is delighted with the independence his new talent will give him.
31. Children just learning to read are often delighted with the independence their new will give them.
32. Cassi, exuding the energy of a six-year-old, makes people laugh with delight when they see her.
33. The child on the corner exuding the energy of a six-year-old makes people laugh with delight when they see her.
34. The blue spruce growing on the west lawn is still rather small.
35. The blue spruce, sporting sharp needles, is not a tree to grab onto.
36. The neighbors' dog BooJo, carrying his ball, is always looking for someone to throw it for him.
37. The dog carrying his ball is looking for someone to throw it for him.
38. The family's Isuzu Trooper, wearing the same coat of paint it was purchased with, still looks very good.
39. The car painted black with white stripes belongs to the neighbor at the bottom of the street.
40. The baby with the red hair will need to be protected from excessive sun.