

INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS WORKSHEET #1

EXERCISE

Add commas to the following sentences to correct sentences that are incorrectly punctuated. Put a C beside those sentences that are correct and do not require punctuation.

1. Reading Shakespeare's love sonnets is a romantic experience. C
2. Although many factors contributed to the market crash of 1929, a main cause was the lack of procedures to control and regulate the sale of securities.
3. Even when Sally was a child, she enjoyed helping others.
4. For those who want to see spring wild flowers, there will be a guided hike after lunch.
5. Having wrapped the presents, Mother went to bed.
6. To find real happiness is everyone's dream. C
7. Limiting dietary fat is an important lifestyle modification. C
8. We put two more steaks on the barbecue when the Tolmans arrived unexpectedly. C
9. Realizing that they had seen little of America, the couple planned a year-long tour.
10. Having worked all day and attended evening school three nights a week, Eddie had very little energy left.
11. Gradually losing weight gives the body time to adjust. C
12. The crops have been hurt because it has rained so little this spring. C
13. That we should buy a van instead of a car was my father's decision. C
14. As far as the box office knows, the concert will begin as scheduled.
15. That Stephen King has so many devoted readers surprises me. C
16. He reluctantly returned home after spending a year abroad. C
17. Exploring our national parks has provided my family many fond memories. C
18. Why he arrived so late was the question. C
19. Planting trees around your house will reduce your heating and cooling bills. C
20. To swim alone is never wise. C

21. At last month's meeting in Kansas City, the committee reviewed the objectives of the proposal.
22. How one responds to questions depends on careful listening. C
23. Solving problems quickens one's wit. C
24. In last night's long-awaited production of *Cats*, one of the actors fell off the stage.
25. What will interest her next is anybody's guess. C
26. After Dad has scanned everything else in the newspaper, he studies the sports section.
27. To tell the truth, I think that I have already read that book.
28. Everyone having left, we took off our shoes, relaxed, and had coffee.
29. Once he had actually served on a jury, he decided that the experience was one that nobody should miss.
30. No, I wasn't aware you'd been ill.