

PUNCTUATING NON-ESSENTIAL 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. Reynold Price, a Rhode's scholar, published his first novel in 1962.
2. The student known for his computer expertise will assume the responsibility for the computer lab. C
3. Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy are encouraged to read newspapers and news magazines. C
4. Margaret Faber, who has always had unusual interests, is deep into Chinese calligraphy.
5. On the left of the road stood the craft shop that we had read about in the newspaper. C
6. E.M. Forster wrote Howard's End, which is a novel that portrays a person's emotional attachment to the place where she was born.
7. The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote was not ratified until 1920.
8. My friend, Sarah who is somewhat unconventional, suggested that we crash the black-tie fundraiser.
9. The committee that was to organize the fund raiser met on Thursday. C
10. Bangladesh, which ranks ninth in population among the countries of the world, covers an area no larger than Wisconsin.
11. The man from El Paso was a trail boss and horse trader in his youth. C
12. The rodeo, which was one of the major events at the carnival, was well attended.
13. The decision that we should all ride in one van was an economical one. C
14. Deciduous trees, which block the hot summer sun and cold winter winds, should be planted on the south and west sides of a house.
15. The thin man wearing the green suit looks like a green bean. C
16. His belief that all people are created equal caused Gandhi to reject the caste system of his country. C
17. One of the most vivid memories that I have from my childhood is my first day in school. C

18. The Georgia Institute of Technology, a part of the state's university system, is located in Atlanta, Georgia.
19. Dr. Williams, a professor of meteorology, believes that some forecasts of global warming are exaggerated.
20. Denise, who is one of the primary actors in the community theater, volunteers at local elementary schools.
21. The dog found wandering in the parking lot was taken to the pound. C
22. At Christmas we visit my cousin's home town, a resort near Banff National Park in Canada.
23. The gentleman working behind the bar is a law student during the day. C
24. The baseball that sailed through the school window hit Mr. Williams on the head. C
25. Eugene O'Neill, a twentieth-century dramatist, used his plays to explain his life.
26. The university founded by Dr. Bryce McGill will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year. C
27. Herman Melville's novel Billy Budd was made into a movie. C
28. My truck, an old and rusty jalopy, is the only transportation I have.
29. Anne Rivers Siddon, an Atlanta author, will be at the Oxford Bookstore this afternoon.
30. Biologists who believe that dinosaurs were destroyed by a shower of meteorites will meet in St. Louis this spring. C