

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #48

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## **FOCUS**      Commas within Series

Use commas after each item, phrase, or clause in a series (except the last). A series is a list.

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

Newspapers and some magazines delete the last comma; however, most style manuals still require the last comma.

**Examples:**    John, Jan, and Jose left early.  
                  If crazy Mary, unpredictable Bobby, or silly Joe were up to something, I would know about it.  
                  The crowd hushed, the lights dimmed, and the fireworks began.

## **PRACTICE**

Place commas where needed in the following sentences.

1. Jane Mike and Ray pulled the car off to the side.
2. Along the road an old car two broomsticks and a funny green-eyed monster stood guard.
3. Take a hike smell the flowers and enjoy life for the rest of the afternoon.
4. Joan counted one two three four five.

Fill in the blanks with the word groups listed below and properly punctuate.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ are my favorite colors.
6. They ordered \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast.
7. Mr. Burt called on one of the following students: \_\_\_\_\_.

Jaime Marta or Frank            blue green and yellow            eggs bacon and wheat toast

## **WRITE**

Compose your own sentence with commas after each phrase in a list (except the last).

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# **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #45 Practice Answers**

1. will have ridden
2. will have seen
3. will have told
4. will have slept
5. will have given
6. will have performed

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #46 Practice Answers**

1. She said, "I usually do chores after school."
2. "They left town," I said, "in a shiny new car."
3. "I can't believe it!" he exclaimed.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #47 Practice Answers**

1. Joe and Mandy, our debate leaders, thought we had a good chance.
2. Johnny Mingo, the Australian cowboy, rode his horse off into the sunset.
3. Searching for answers, Louis Pasteur, the famous scientist, carried on.
4. Jim, the butler, served their last meal.
5. Kim and Tom, our two friends, left the concert early.
6. The wonderful teacher, Ms. So, shared the slides with her students.
7. The author has just completed his latest book, The End.
8. That song, "The Swan," lasts six minutes.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #48 Practice Answers**

1. Jane, Mike, and Ray pulled the car off to the side.
2. Along the road an old car, two broomsticks, and a funny green-eyed monster stood guard.
3. Take a hike, smell the flowers, and enjoy life for the rest of the afternoon.
4. Joan counted one, two, three, four, five.
5. Blue, green, and yellow are my favorite colors.
6. They ordered eggs, bacon, and wheat toast for breakfast.
7. Mr. Burt called on one of the following students: Jaime, Marta, or Frank.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #49 Practice Answers**

1. Whenever the girls called, he went outside to see what they wanted.
2. Then go to bed.
3. Around the block she rode the bicycle.
4. Next, ask about the directions to the factory.
5. Interested, they called the player to check his availability.