

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #51

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## **FOCUS**      Commas with Nouns of Direct Speech

Use commas before or after nouns of direct speech.

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

Nouns of direct speech refer to special persons who are spoken to in a sentence. They can be placed at the start of the sentence, in the middle of the sentence, or at the end of the sentence.

### **Examples:**

Sentence Beginning    Kristen, leave some for your sister.

Sentence Middle        If you do that, James and Myra, you will be playing with fire.

Commas come before and after the noun or nouns of direct speech.

Sentence End            Don't ever listen to him, brother.

## **PRACTICE**

Place commas in the appropriate places for nouns of direct speech.

1. Listen to me Barbara and then make up your own mind.
2. That's a dangerous thought you've shared Bud.
3. Look Jane it's going to be hard at first.
4. Sitting by the sofa, she said, "Henry get over here."
5. I just don't know Bobby.
6. Tawny watch where you're going.
7. If you notice Peter and Kris none of that will be on the test.
8. Look Paul and see here Julie you both have missed the main point.

## **WRITE**

Compose your own three-sentence dialogue with nouns of direct speech placed at the beginning, middle, and end.

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

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #50 Practice Answers**

1. Lawton, Nevada is my hometown.
2. Olympia, Washington is a beautiful capital.
3. Bogota, Colombia seems like a fascinating city.
4. Glendale, Texas is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.
5. I live at 3442 Spring Street in Irvine, South Carolina.
6. I wrote a letter addressed to: Mo Lawson, 34 North Main St., Columbus Ohio.
7. Amador City, California has post office boxes for its residents.
8. St. Petersburg, Russia used to be the capital of that country.
9. When did Juneau, Alaska reach a population of 10,000?

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #51 Practice Answers**

1. Listen to me, Barbara, and then make up your own mind.
2. That's a dangerous thought you've shared, Bud.
3. Look, Jane, it's going to be hard at first.
4. Sitting by the sofa, she said, "Henry, get over here."
5. I just don't know, Bobby.
6. Tawny, watch where you're going.
7. If you notice, Peter and Kris, none of that will be on the test.
8. Look, Paul, and see here, Julie, you both have missed the main point.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #52 Practice Answers**

1. Neither he wanted to face the problem, nor did she want to deal with that challenge.
2. In order that all people would have the same chance, they decided to draw numbers.
3. Raymond sent a message to his cousin, but the message was returned unopened.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #53 Practice Answers**

Left Letter—Dear Ralph, ... Yours truly  
Right Letter—To Whom It May Concern, ... Sincerely,

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #54 Practice Answers**

1. Around the corner she ran into a large, angry dog.
2. If I didn't know better, I would guess that the tired, old woman was not going to leave her house.
3. The funny green character said, "I'm crazy, silly, and full of energy."
4. Unless I'm mistaken, the usual cloudy, gray morning will change to afternoon sun and wind.
5. The book is creative, surprising, delightful, and completely entertaining.
6. The girls are cheerful, helpful, and careful to mind their manners.
7. I left the yucky blue and white board in the stinky, dirty garage.