

# 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 #55 Practice Answers**

1. She told Uncle Charles that I went to see Dr. S. L. Thompson.
2. Will Mrs. James come to visit Aunt Robin and “Bubba” Peterson?
3. The army’s Captain Schneider reviewed the rules with P.F.C. Johnson.
4. Roy told Dad that Sis and I would get together at Mom’s work.
5. Officer Bob Benton issued a speed citation to Louis and his brother.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #56 Practice Answers**

1. I love to go see Broadway plays in New York City.
2. Some of the most beautiful scenery is found in Douglas County in Nevada.
3. The girls said they lived at 123 Oak Avenue in Paris, North Carolina.
4. In Southern Mississippi they still grow cotton.
5. The borough of Long Island has millions of people.
6. The Spanish own the Canary Islands off the coast of Portugal.
7. I have heard that there is an American naval base on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.
8. Her house is located at 342 Twenty-seventh Street.
9. For years, voters in the Deep South solidly supported the Democratic Party.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #57 Practice Answers**

1. I hear that the Alex Theater has been completely remodeled.
2. Bill Gates helped invent the Windows Operating System.
3. Ryan once climbed the stairs to the top of the Sears Tower.
4. Have you vacationed in Yosemite National Park?
5. Mr. Newton was appointed sponsor of the Spanish Club.
6. I attended first Presbyterian Church for three years.
7. Did you kiss the Blarney Stone when you went to Ireland?
8. Kenny walked across the Golden Gate Bridge.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #58 Practice Answers**

1. On the first Thanksgiving Day, Pilgrims and Native Americans shared a feast.
2. I’m sure that February 19<sup>th</sup> is Presidents Day this year.
3. Will we have cherry pie at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party?
4. The Rose Parade is the granddaddy of all New Year’s Day parades.
5. She knows that Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is celebrated only in the United States.
6. If Thursday will not work for you, how about Wednesday?
7. I got married on Flag Day, which is on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
8. The Chinese say that this is the Year of the Dog.
9. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a Jewish holiday.
10. Does Santa really come down the chimney on Christmas Eve?