

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #54

FOCUS Commas with Coordinate Adjectives

Use commas between coordinate adjectives.

CONNECT TO WRITING

Coordinate adjectives work equally to modify a noun. Unlike hierarchical adjectives, which build upon each other with different levels or degrees to modify the same noun, coordinate adjectives must be separated with commas.

To determine if adjectives are coordinate adjectives, try placing the word *and* between the adjectives. Second, try reversing them. If, the phrases sound fine both ways, the adjectives are coordinate adjectives and require commas between each. **Example:** A tall, scary man

PRACTICE

Place commas where they belong in the following sentences.

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.

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with three coordinate adjectives.

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,

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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.
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