**Comma Practice Name:**

**Directions:** Put a comma in the proper place in each sentence.

* A comma and a conjunction is needed to separate two independent clauses.
* When a complex sentence starts with a dependent clause, it will need a comma to separate the clauses. (Just like this sentence!)

1. If you will come over here I will give you some information for your paper.
2. I will give you some information for your paper if you come over here.
3. Jerry gave Mary his pen and took it away.
4. After the party we will have to clean up.
5. The ball flew up into the air and Peter caught it.
6. Don’t forget to pick me up because I do not want to miss the meeting.
7. Sally and Bill ate the popcorn and it tasted delicious.
8. Although Dean and Kari liked the party they did not stay.
9. Dara called me and left a message but I did not return the call.
10. The sandwiches are here and are ready to be eaten.
11. After Reed thought about the problem he found a solution.
12. Lila and Don ran and dived into the water.
13. Dean will go to the fair if he finishes all of his chores.
14. I will get up earlier so that I do not miss the bus.
15. Unless Bill cleans his room he will not be able to have friends over.

**Comma Practice Name:**

**Directions:** Write the formula for each sentence on the blank and put a comma in the proper place in each sentence. Warning: some sentences are simple, some are compound and some are complex.

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* When a complex sentence starts with a dependent clause, it will need a comma to separate the clauses. (Just like this sentence!)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bob will go to the fair if he finishes all of his chores.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ After Bob finishes all of his chores he will go to the fair.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ After breakfast Bob will go to the fair.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We went swimming at the lake and had a picnic on the beach.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bob studied for his algebra test but he forgot to work on his science project!
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ It will be 9:30 before we can leave.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When he was running to the bus Bob tripped and fell.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jack and Jill stopped working and started something else.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Unless you finish your vegetable you cannot have fudge.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kathy works hard at school so she earns good grades.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jerry wants to go yet he has to stay and work.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jill wants to go to bed since she is tired.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bob went to Mars and met a Martian.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Until you train your dog he will eat your shoes.