

46. PUNCTUATION: The Comma

(Study 30–32, The Comma)

Part 1

Either **insert** or **cross out** a **comma** to make the sentence correct. In the blank, write the word that comes just **before** the inserted or crossed-out comma.

Examples: When the soldiers looked around, the stranger had vanished.

The cloud-hidden sun~~X~~ gave us no clue as to which way was south.

around

sun

1. They could have followed the state highway to the right but they chose the local road to the left. 1. _____
2. The 1990s will be remembered by most Americans, as a decade of rising prosperity. 2. _____
3. Having examined and reexamined the ancient manuscript the committee of scholars declared it genuine. 3. _____
4. If the weather is pleasant and dry, we will march in the St. Patrick's Day parade, and then dance at a parish party. 4. _____
5. Amanda has decided to write a cookbook, remodel her kitchen and travel through California. 5. _____
6. Many Americans now prefer news sources, that offer human interest stories. 6. _____
7. The country, that receives the most media attention often is the recipient of the most aid from the United Nations. 7. _____
8. Coaching soccer, and teaching part-time at a local college keep me quite busy. 8. _____
9. George and Robert thoroughly and painstakingly considered, what had to be done to defuse the bomb. 9. _____
10. If ever there was the law on one side, and simple justice on the other, here is such a situation. 10. _____
11. Ann Tyler, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1988 has recently written a novel about a woman in her forties who runs away from her family. 11. _____
12. Hillary Clinton, will be remembered as the first First Lady to gain an elective office of her own. 12. _____
13. Claiming that he was just offering good advice Ace frequently would tell me which card to play. 13. _____
14. What gave Helen the inspiration for her short story, was her mother's account of growing up on a farm. 14. _____
15. Owen's baseball cards included such famous examples as Willie Mays's running catch in the 1954 World Series, and Hank Aaron's record-breaking home run. 15. _____
16. The volume that was the most valuable in the library's rare book collection, was a First Folio edition of Shakespeare's plays. 16. _____
17. *Gone with the Wind*, a film enjoyed by millions of people throughout the world was first thought unlikely to be a commercial success. 17. _____
18. Because the material was difficult to understand Monica decided to hire a tutor. 18. _____