

Chapter 15: Commas

Chapter Review Test 1

Add any necessary commas in the following sentences, and correct any misused commas.

According to a national safety organization more than 63 million computers in the United States become outdated every year. Many computer owners in an effort to help the environment give their old computers to recycling companies. The businesses government agencies, and communities that donate these computers expect that someone will be able to use them after they are repaired. In many cases however these old computers are never used again. Instead of repairing or upgrading the computers some recycling companies ship them to developing nations.

These countries which certainly have a need for computers can use them only if they work properly; however many computers shipped to them don't function. Because the recipient countries must dispose of computers that don't work they now have a big environmental problem.

One might say "This is not so bad considering that these countries are getting some usable computers." The problem is that some computer equipment contains a large amount of toxic materials, such as lead mercury and arsenic. Lead a substance that can interfere with children's mental development is present in especially high quantities. Also, some computer equipment is being taken apart, and recycled under mostly unregulated and unhealthy conditions in China India Pakistan and other developing countries.

At the Nigerian port of Lagos for instance about 500 containers of used electronic equipment arrive every month. Each of these containers carries about 800 computers which means that about 400,000 used computers are delivered to Nigeria every month. Nigerian authorities estimate that about

75 percent of this computer equipment is unable to be used repaired or resold.

The owner of one recycling company has said, that there is a reuse for nearly every part of old electronic devices. "Old televisions are turned into fish tanks, and monitors are being repaired and sold in areas where there are shortages of silicon glass" said the company owner. The owner said that his company tests all equipment that is sent to developing nations but he adds that there is no regulation of his industry.

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have said that the EPA is working on developing a program to address this growing problem. In the meantime many Americans who believe that their discarded computers are being put to good use are unaware that this equipment may be endangering the environments of some other countries. Yes there is much that needs to be done to address the problem.

Chapter 15: Apostrophes

Chapter Review Test 2

Correct the errors in apostrophe usage in the following paragraphs.

Its early morning in Memphis, and Im feeling sick. Im here to see my cousin and her family, but now a doctors who I need to see. Unfortunately, I live in San Francisco, so I cant be sure that my health plans network includes doctors in Memphis.

Ive got a bad headache, and its pounding in my head as I call the health insurance company on the hotel rooms phone. I normally do'nt use hotel phones because the usage charge is so high, but my cell phones out of order. When I reach the insurance company, a representative gives me several doctors names and telephone numbers, and all of these doctors are covered by my plan. I notice that one telephone number has five 3s in it, and I pick this doctor because 3 is my lucky number.

My cousins husband drives me to the doctor, and I sit in the offices' waiting area. The doctor tell's me that I have the flu and that I need at least one weeks rest. She also gives me some medicine to relieve my symptom's. She says that Ill eventually be fine, but that does'nt make me feel much better.

Chapter 15: Quotation Marks

Chapter Review Test 3

Read the following sentences for correct use and placement of quotation marks. Correct any errors; you may also need to correct other errors in punctuation and capitalization.

1. We haven't seen Amanda in years, said Jackson, as he and Cameron prepared for a party.
2. Cameron said that she "had seen Amanda once or twice recently while they were both vacationing in Maine."
3. "I spoke to her on the phone last week said Jackson, and she told me, I'd love to see all of you again to talk about old times".
4. She wrote about me in her short story *The Movie Addict*, said Cameron.
5. "Well, I'm sure the character Jeff in her novel "Trapezoid" was based on me, said Jackson."
6. Jackson added that "Amanda described that character as a liar" when they had last seen each other.
7. "The character Jeff is no liar", said Cameron. in fact, he is a truly honest person.
8. "In that case, said Jackson, do you think Amanda was somehow speaking to me when her novel's heroine said to Jeff, I love you more than I can bear"?
9. Cameron told Jackson that "it was his own imagination speaking to him."
10. "Let's get back to the party preparations, said Jackson," and forget about novels written by friends.

Chapter 15: Other Punctuation

Chapter Review Test 4

Edit the following items by adding colons, semicolons, parentheses, dashes, and hyphens where needed and by revising incorrectly used punctuation.

1. I can contact nearly everyone I know through a fast means of communication; regular telephone, cell phone, text, or e-mail.
2. I say ‘nearly everyone’ because I cannot contact Gil, my closest and also my oddest neighbor, that way.
3. Gil dislikes no, he truly hates the modern communication devices that all the rest of us love.
4. Anyone who wants to talk with Gil can do so he or she can simply ring the cowbell outside Gil’s window.
5. Once, I went to Gil’s to see if he would like to join me for an evening snack at an award winning restaurant near us.
6. This restaurant served some of our favorite foods, including potato, tomato, and onion soups, salads, spicy burritos, and many ice cream flavors, like mango, pineapple, and ginger.
7. I rang Gil’s cowbell many times at least ten, another neighbor told me later.
8. Finally, I came to an unmistakable conclusion Gil wasn’t home or he wanted to be alone.
9. Very early the next morning I think it was before six, Gil called out his usual greeting as I passed his window: “Hello there!”
10. When I came closer, he told me he’d been sick too sick even for mango ice cream.

Chapter 15: Capitalization

Chapter Review Test 5

Edit the capitalization errors in the following sentences.

1. My Sister Emily went to the same College I am attending.
2. She was an Anthropology major, and she took several courses in chinese.
3. Now that I live at school, our Mother often asks me if I am eating enough.
4. I regularly tell her, “mother, I’m eating just fine, and I am very healthy.”
5. Next semester, I will take Russian literature I.
6. I’m looking forward to reading *Crime And Punishment* and *One Day In The Life Of Ivan Denisovich*.
7. I also hope to qualify for a Fellowship to study in mexico this Summer.
8. The fellowship is sponsored by the horbell corporation.
9. That company is famous for promoting good relationships with countries South of the united states.
10. Horbell also produces my favorite brand of candy, tart fruits.

Chapter 15: Commas

15-1: Editing for Commas

In the following sentences, add commas where they are needed, and delete commas that are incorrectly used.

EXAMPLE

Most of us are familiar with such national parks as Yellowstone [,] Yosemite [,] and the Grand Canyon.

1. Every summer after school is out, tourists travel to America's well-known national parks, which have something for the young [,] the old and all ages in between.
2. While Yellowstone [,] Yosemite and the Grand Canyon are spectacular there are over fifty other national parks in the United States.
3. These lesser-known parks have much to offer and there is a good chance that some are located near your home.
4. Crater Lake National Park in central Oregon for instance boasts an intense blue lake nearly 2,000 feet deep.
5. Joshua Tree National Park which is named for its unique Joshua trees lies just outside Palm Springs California.
6. Located just outside Miami Florida Biscayne National Park is home to fantastic coral reefs, and offshore islands.
7. Great Smoky Mountains National Park lying in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains offers over 800 miles of hiking trails.
8. Everybody who has visited Glacier National Park, in Montana understands why it is sometimes called "Little Switzerland" for it has pristine lakes and spectacular mountain scenery.
9. Arches National Park in Utah where many western movies have been filmed is filled with natural stone arches.
10. John A. Murray an author of several books about national parks says "They are the most perfect antidote ever devised for urban civilization."

15-2: Editing for Commas

In the following sentences, add commas where they are needed, and delete commas that are incorrectly used.

EXAMPLE

On October 2 1968 Pacific Crest Trail was designated a national scenic trail.
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1. While the Appalachian Trail often called the AT is the most famous of America's long-distance hiking trails the Pacific Crest Trail is longer and more scenic.
2. The Pacific Crest Trail which stretches from the border of Mexico, to the border of Canada offers views and heights that the Appalachian Trail simply does not have.
3. Running along the crest of mountain ranges such as the Sierra Nevadas, and the Cascades the Pacific Crest Trail passes through several national parks.
4. Wildlife along the Pacific Crest Trail which is commonly known as the PCT includes deer porcupine bears and mountain lions.
5. Hikers, who have completed the 2,650-mile trail, claim that the experience has forever changed their lives.
6. However this grand adventure is no walk in the park for it is physically mentally and emotionally challenging.
7. Hikers might fight dehydration in the baking hot Mojave Desert one day, and face a mountain blizzard in the Sierras just a few days later.
8. Each year, hundreds of hikers begin the journey at the border of Mexico yet, only a few dozen reach the border of Canada.
9. Long-distance hiking experts recommend even urge that hikers take the right gear and drink plenty of water.
10. If you're an adventurous person the next time someone says to you "Go take a hike" consider the Pacific Crest Trail.

15-3: Editing for Commas

In the following sentences, add commas where they are needed, and delete any incorrectly used commas.

EXAMPLE

Every new job is a learning experience and my time in the shipping department
was no exception.

1. During my first week as a shipping clerk I learned some interesting, and humorous facts.
2. The other clerks had played a few jokes on me so I was skeptical when I got a shipping label addressed to Hell Michigan.
3. Specifically, the address read, 41 Bells Lane Hell Michigan.
4. “Someone’s playing another trick on me” I said to my supervisor “because there’s no such place as Hell Michigan.”
5. “Oh, yes, there is” she replied.
6. My supervisor an ordinarily serious woman went on to tell me that there is also a Noodle Texas; a Nuttsville Virginia; and a Romance Arkansas.
7. “Keisha check out this list” she continued, handing me a piece of paper that had been tacked to a bulletin board.
8. It was a list of “The Nation’s Funniest Place Names” and Hell was on it.
9. Yes my supervisor was right.
10. I went ahead and processed the shipment which was due to arrive, on October 31 2009: Halloween!

Chapter 15: Apostrophes

15-4: Editing for Apostrophes

Edit the following sentences by adding apostrophes where they are needed and by crossing out apostrophes that are used or positioned incorrectly.

EXAMPLE

A simple smell can trigger a persons memory of an almost forgotten event.

1. Researcher's have shown that a humans' sense of smell is quite powerful and complex.
2. Our sense of smell is as important as our other senses, yet its often taken for granted.
3. We use our sense of smell to detect lifes danger's, such as smoke and spoiled food.
4. Pleasant smells like pumpkin pie bring back memories of Grandmas house and the holidays.
5. Freshly ground coffee beans' can send you back to a summers' visit to Paris.
6. Aromatherapy uses specific aroma's to adjust our moods and behaviors.
7. Lavenders soothing scent, for instance, is said to be relaxing to almost anyones spirit—maybe your's, too.
8. If youre feeling sluggish, rosemarys aroma will give your mood a lift.
9. Some researchers claim that certain scents, such as vanilla or green apple's, can suppress dieter's appetites.
10. Two friends of mine, now size 8s, thank aromatherapy for at least part of their dieting success; I cant argue with them.

15-5: Editing for Apostrophes

Edit the following sentences by adding apostrophes where they are needed and by crossing out any apostrophes that are used incorrectly.

EXAMPLE

Here's Julias favorite quote: "There are three good reasons to teach—June,
July, and August."

1. When summer vacation arrives, its not just student's who jump for joy.
2. This teachers joy also knows no bound's.
3. Julias teaching job involves many hours work in the evening's and on weekend's, and she must take care to give As, Bs, Cs, and so on fairly.
4. Every summer, she looks forward to a few month's rest and rejuvenation; the time is her's to spend as she chooses.
5. Last summer, Julia visited some of Americas national treasures, such as Arizonas Grand Canyon and Californias Redwood Forest.
6. The Grand Canyons vistas' were so breathtaking that she didnt mind the parks congestion or it's stifling heat.
7. When she drove into Las Vegas late one evening, she was awed by the citys million glittering light's.
8. By contrast, she found the Redwood Forests quiet beauty something shed never before experienced.
9. One of her vacations highlights' was a stop in the West Coasts wine country to visit an old friend of her's from college.
10. Next May, at semesters end, youll find Julia on the road again, perhaps on her way to her parent's home in Oregon or driving to one of Walt Disney's theme parks.

Chapter 15: Quotation Marks

15-6: Editing for Quotation Marks

Edit the following sentences by adding quotation marks and commas where they are needed and by editing quotation marks and other punctuation that are used incorrectly. Also, correct any capitalization mistakes you notice.

EXAMPLE

“According to CNN, said Jay Leno on *The Tonight Show* before the soldiers pulled him out of the hole, Saddam yelled, ‘I’m willing to negotiate.’ I’m no expert on the art of the deal, but when you’re in a hole with 600 soldiers around, what is your bargaining chip?”

1. On television shows such as the “Daily Show with Jon Stewart” and the “Late Show with David Letterman,” hosts routinely take advantage of news events to poke fun at politicians and other celebrities.
2. David Letterman took advantage of the story of Vice President Dick Cheney’s shooting of a hunting companion by joking, ‘We can’t get bin Laden, but we nailed a 78-year-old attorney’.
3. After Hurricane Katrina, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was a prime target for comedians. “Former FEMA director Michael Brown is testifying before a Senate panel today” said Jay Leno. “he was supposed to testify last week, but he just got there.”
4. Jay Leno once told an audience “that George Clooney’s film *Good Night, and Good Luck* was about Washington’s Medicare plan for the elderly.”
5. “There will be a lot of changes, I tell you, if Donald Trump were president”, said David Letterman, “instead of getting bad intelligence from the CIA, Trump would get bad intelligence from his barber.”
6. Of course, celebrities sometimes poke fun at themselves first. Martha Stewart, following her release from prison, said that “she didn’t always iron her own clothes.”
7. In an article titled Politics after Dark, Eric Boehlert discusses the fact that the general public watches more late-night talk shows than evening news shows.
8. Boehlert goes on to say, however, that this exposure to political jokes “Doesn’t mean the punch lines they laughed at affected their final vote”.

9. At Columbia University, David Letterman said “that he doubted that his jokes caused many people to change their votes.”
10. Whether or not talk show comedians affect votes has not been clearly established; however, as Abraham Lincoln once said ‘Public sentiment is everything.’

15-7: Editing for Quotation Marks

Edit the following sentences by adding quotation marks and commas where they are needed and by editing quotation marks and other punctuation that are used incorrectly. Also, correct any capitalization mistakes you notice.

EXAMPLE

My husband came home from work one day and said I just won two backstage passes to meet Jewel.

1. After we bought Jewel's CD "Pieces of You," my husband and I fell in love with her angelic voice and folksy style.
2. My favorite Jewel song is 'Life Uncommon.'
3. My husband says "that his favorite Jewel song is "Absence of Fear."
4. When he came home with two backstage passes for Jewel's next concert, I asked. "Are you kidding?"
5. "It's true, he said, and I went to her Web site and ordered you a T-shirt that has her song title "Intuition" on it."
6. For himself, he ordered a copy of the DVD "Ride with the Devil," in which Jewel makes her acting debut.
7. We arrived backstage at the concert with items we hoped Jewel would autograph. I brought her CD called *Spirit*, and my husband brought her book titled "Chasing Down the Dawn."
8. When we were introduced to Jewel, she smiled shyly and said "hi guys."
9. As she signed her autograph, she said to me, 'Nice T-shirt'.
10. "She's actually shy," my husband said later. He said "that he liked that about Jewel."

Chapter 15: Other Punctuation

15-8: Editing for Other Punctuation

Edit the following sentences by adding colons, semicolons, parentheses, dashes, and hyphens where needed and by revising incorrectly used punctuation.

EXAMPLE

How do you get rid of an 8 ton 45 foot whale a dead one?

1. On November 12, 1970, the Oregon Highway Division (OHD) faced a task for which it was not prepared ridding a beach near Florence Oregon, of a dead whale that had washed up and lay rotting in the sun.
2. At first, officials with the OHD considered burying the giant carcass tidal erosion would soon uncover the whale, however, so that plan was abandoned.
3. Then, someone had the brilliant idea to get some dynamite and blow the whale into little whale bits perfect bite sized snacks for the seagulls.
4. A half of a ton of dynamite nobody was sure how much was actually needed was placed around the whale.
5. The idea was that the dynamite would blow the whale bits all eight tons of them out to sea.
6. Meanwhile, a thrill seeking crowd had gathered to watch the event. People came from as far away as Seattle, Washington, San Diego California, and Detroit, Michigan.
7. It was a mighty explosion, blubber was launched high into the sky but not toward the ocean.
8. Seconds later, the crowd dashed for cover, it was raining blubber.
9. Officials were relieved that nobody was injured in the incident; however there was some damage, such as: the crushing of a car roof by a chunk of blubber.
10. By the way, the seagulls that were supposed to eat the blubber bits were nowhere to be found, terrified by the blast, they had flown off in all directions.

15-9: Editing for Other Punctuation

Edit the following sentences by adding colons, semicolons, parentheses, dashes, and hyphens where needed and by revising incorrectly used punctuation.

EXAMPLE

Ask people their greatest fantasy, and chances are many of them will say the same thing winning the lottery.

1. On Christmas Day in 2002, fifty-five year old Andrew “Jack” Whittaker won a record \$315 million in the lottery.
2. That was the day his life changed forever for the worse, as it turns out.
3. At first, Whittaker was happy, he gave \$17 million to his church and planned to spend the rest on his beloved daughter and granddaughter.
4. Since he carried large sums of cash with him, he was a constant target for thieves once, his briefcase containing more than \$500,000 in cash was stolen when he passed out in a bar.
5. Early in 2004, Whittaker got in trouble with the law when he assaulted a well liked local bar manager.
6. Later the same year, Whittaker was arrested—not once but twice—for another serious offense driving while intoxicated.
7. Then, his life turned tragic in the fall of 2004, his seventeen year old granddaughter was murdered.
8. While not every lottery winner’s life turns out badly, sudden fortune, misfortune? changes lives forever.
9. Lottery winners suddenly have an abundance of company, such as: distant relatives and long lost friends.
10. Sadly, surveys show that most lottery winners are broke after five or ten years, they lose the money through bad decisions or bad luck.

Chapter 15: Capitalization

15-10: Editing for Capitalization

Correct the capitalization errors in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE

I was born and reared in the ^W~~west~~, but my husband grew up deep in the heart
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of ~~dixie~~.

1. Shortly after our marriage, my Husband and I put our belongings in his toyota pickup and headed to our new home in the south.
2. We arrived in alabama in the middle of the Summer—July, to be exact.
3. All I knew about the south was what I had read in the novel *To kill a Mockingbird* and seen in the movie *Fried green Tomatoes*.
4. We stopped at a Café for lunch, and the waitress asked me in a southern drawl, “do you want some tay?”
5. I looked blankly at the waitress, and my husband said to me, “she means tea.”
6. After arriving at my husband’s family’s house, just north of montgomery, alabama, he introduced me to his mother and father.
7. My Father-in-Law has always been a goober pea (peanut) farmer; his wife teaches english at a local college.
8. “Jawl have a good trip?” My mother-in-law asked me. “Jawl,” I soon learned, meant “Did you all.”
9. “How do you like Bammer so far?” asked my father-in-law. “He means alabama,” said my husband.
10. I found myself wondering whether the Local University had a course called “talking southern 101.”

15-11: Editing for Capitalization

Correct capitalization errors in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE

In 1994, the ^American ^Film ^Institute honored actor ^Jack ^Nicholson with its Life Achievement Award.

1. Nicholson was born on april 22, 1937, and grew up in neptune, new Jersey.
2. He eventually discovered that his Parents were really his Grandparents, and his older Sister was really his Mother.
3. Nicholson began acting as a teenager, and by the time he graduated from manasquan high school in 1954, he had acted in several productions.
4. He decided not to attend college right away; he traveled to the West to visit his older Sister in los angeles.
5. It was in los angeles that he became an Actor and subsequently played small roles in minor movies.
6. Nicholson's first hit film was *easy rider*, in which he played a southern Lawyer with a drinking problem, a performance that earned him a nomination for an Academy Award.
7. Nicholson achieved further acclaim in such hits as *chinatown* and *one flew over the cuckoo's nest*.
8. Nicholson enjoys playing unusual characters. During an interview with the new york times magazine, he said that he likes to play "People that haven't existed yet."
9. In newer movies like *About Schmidt* and *something's gotta give*, Nicholson's characters deal with the challenges of Middle Age.
10. Because of the range and skill of his acting, Nicholson is studied in many Film Courses.