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THE COMMA III

Use commas to set off nouns of direct address. The name of someone directly spoken to is a **noun of direct address**.

Did you call him, Carrie?

Mark, are you listening to me?

I think, Debra, that you have a good chance.

Use commas to set off most appositives. An **appositive** is a word or group of words used directly after another word to explain it or rename it.

The tree, a dogwood, was in full blossom.

Mary McLeod Bethune, the founder of the hospital, had been a teacher.

Nouns used as appositives are called **nouns in apposition**. When the noun in apposition is a short name, it is not usually set off by commas. (Although, it is not incorrect to do so.)

My old friend Earl is back in town.

Use commas correctly. Add commas wherever they are needed.

1. *The Beacon* our school's yearbook is printed by the journalism class.
2. Simon is today your birthday?
3. My friend Suzy the class poet recited her latest poem.
4. I realize Mimi that you don't know Barb very well.
5. Our coach the woman in the red jacket is Ms. Herrera.
6. Hanukkah the Festival of Lights usually is celebrated in December.
7. His apology a very sincere one was accepted warmly.
8. Joanne this is my friend Mel.
9. Hansen's disease also called leprosy is seldom contagious.
10. Juan de la Cierva designed the autogiro the forerunner of a helicopter.
11. Last night's game the first of the season attracted a large crowd.
12. The referee Tony Perez stopped the match in the seventh round.
13. I'm sure Sandra that you would be welcome.
14. Are you trying out for the swimming team Billie?
15. Ms. Hollis our biology teacher has a pet boa constrictor at home.
16. Maria Tallchief the former ballerina helped start a ballet company.
17. Dan Aykroyd a talented comedian was in the movie.
18. The coach watched Roger the third baseman carefully.
19. My term paper the one on Jane Addams is on your desk Mr. Wright.
20. We read *Ordinary People* a novel about a troubled family in our psychology class.

Score: _____ / 20