

# Comma Rules

1. use commas between items in a series
2. use commas in numbers
3. use commas in letters (the greeting and closing)
4. use a comma between the day and the year
5. use a comma between a city and a state
6. use commas in compound sentences
7. use commas after an introductory word, interruptions and interjections
8. use a comma to set off a speaker's words
9. use a comma after an introductory phrase or clause
10. use commas to set off appositives (a word or phrase that renames or explains a noun)
11. use commas to set off explanatory phrases (that add information)

**Add commas in the sentence below. On the line, write the rule number:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The plague killed roughly 200000000 people.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The bubonic plague is characterized by swollen lymph nodes in the neck armpits or groin.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Polio another terrible disease attacks the nerves that control muscles.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. In 1952 the height of the polio epidemic in the U.S. there were nearly 60000 cases. More than 3000 people died.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Just two years later the Salk vaccine was introduced. The vaccine was safe and effective!

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Is the largest organ in your body the liver the lungs the heart or the skin?

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Yes the skin is the largest organ!

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. The tapir is a large heavy animal with a long snout powerful jaws excellent swimming skills and a vegetarian diet.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10.

Dear Mom and Dad

I love being at science camp. I have learned so many new things. The instructors said we'll do a chemistry experiment soon. I hope that we get to go to the laboratory tomorrow.

I miss you!

Love

Diana

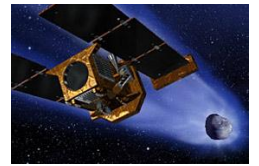
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# Comma Rules Answer Sheet:

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\_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The plague killed roughly 200, 000, 000 people.

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\_\_\_\_\_11 and 2\_\_\_\_\_ 5. In 1952 the height of the polio epidemic in the U.S. , there were nearly 60, 000 cases. More than 3, 000 people died.

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