

## **Grammar Worksheet #8 - The Comma Challenge**

Mr. Oncay's Language Arts

**Notes: You have reviewed or learned many rules regarding commas -**

- 1** ! Use a comma in series of three or more.  
*EX: Bob plays football, baseball, and basketball.*
- 2** ! Use a comma in a compound sentence.  
*EX: The oranges are ripe, so I will peel one.*
- 3** ! Use a comma to set off introductory elements.  
*EX: Lately, students have been doing their homework.*  
*EX: Near the fence, flowers bloomed.*  
*EX: Since I have a dog, I have a good friend.*
- 4** ! Use a comma to set off appositive phrases.  
*EX: Mr. Oncay, my English teacher, writes many worksheets.*  
*EX: I bought the shirt from Target, a popular store.*
- 5** ! Use a comma before the word "which" if it starts a clause.  
*EX: The house, which had many doors, was owned by John Greely. (extra information)*  
**NOT:** *I could not tell which backpack was mine.*
- 6** ! Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives.  
*EX: The grey, gloomy sky seemed angry.*  
*EX: I bought another cold, sweet milkshake from the clerk.*
- 7** ! Use a comma to set off dialogue.  
*EX: I felt happy until he said, "Did you do your report?"*
- 8** ! Use a comma for typographical reasons.  
*EX: Between a city and a state [Hartford, Connecticut], a date and the year [June 15, 1997], a name and a title when the title comes after the name [Bob Downey, Professor of English], and in long numbers [5,456,783 and \$14,682], etc.*

### **Part One - Directions:**

**Insert commas into the following sentences and then write the number of the corresponding rule above (with arrows).**

EX: Greg noticed that the house cost \$467,000 dollars, and he did not have enough money.      #8      #2

1. Melissa watched the long loud procession of cars roll along during the parade.