

### Grammar/Mechanics Worksheet

Commas - Some of the sentences below are correct in their use of commas. Some of them need revision. If a sentence is correct, put a C on your paper. If it needs revision, correct it.

1. My motorcycle wouldn't start on Friday it had been hit by lightning.
2. He looked at the lottery ticket for a second time, but he still had not won.
3. There is a bowl of strawberries, on the table are some peaches.
4. It was cold, so we ran home.
5. On the third day of her vacation, Thelma felt lonely; therefore, she called home.
6. I try my best, but, I still can't understand the metric system.
7. The rain, it appears has stopped.
8. My allergies are bad this year so, I will ask my doctor for a shot.
9. Neither Bart nor Lisa are doing well in school, so we are sending them to a tutor.
10. Dr. Gordon drives a Mercedes-Benz not a Jaguar.

II. Correct any of the sentences below that have misplaced or dangling modifiers. If the sentence is correct, write C.

11. The plate fell to the floor and broke into hundreds of pieces with a loud crash.
12. I need a dentist to fix my teeth badly.
13. With holes in both knees, I cut off the jeans and made them into shorts.
14. Catherine the Great of Russia, who was born Princess Sophie, married Czar Peter the Third.
15. Holding her new baby, the mugger grabbed at Jena as he ran past.
16. A young woman raised her hand seated at the rear of the auditorium.
17. Looking for a place to spend the night, we saw quite a few fast food places driving down the highway.
18. Carrying flowers, Susan visited her mother in the hospital.
19. Walking into the building, my dress got caught on the door.
20. You can lose weight rapidly if you follow a strict low-carb diet.

III. Edit the following sentences for errors involving run-ons, fragments, parallelism, mixed constructions, and redundancies. If a sentence is correct, write C.

21. The fatal accident, in which a person died, was a terrible tragedy.
22. The large crow flew in the air over the mountain.
23. I tried to get in touch with my lawyer she was on vacation.
24. Kasia is a wonderful woman; she always goes out of her way to help others.
25. Phil jogs before school every morning I wonder where he gets his energy.
26. After the car door slammed shut, he was alone with his misery.
27. When the children got lost in the woods.
28. When I learned I had passed the chemistry test.
29. Of all the Seven Dwarves, my favorites are Sneezy, Sleepy, and the one called Doc.
30. Cosmology is when scientists study theories about the structure of the universe.