

Language Usage ISAT: Conventions of Punctuation

Skills: Appropriate Comma Usage

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| Students: | RIT Above 231: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses commas between two main clauses in a complex sentence• Uses commas for clarity or emphasis• Uses commas to separate contrasted elements within a sentence• Uses commas to separate coordinate adjectives |
| Students: | RIT 221-230: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizes correct placement of commas to set off unnecessary (nonrestrictive) clauses• Uses commas to separate parenthetical elements within a sentence• Recognizes correct placement of commas to set off interruptions• Uses commas between two main clauses in a complex sentence• Uses commas to separate dependent clauses in compound, complex sentences• Uses commas for clarity or emphasis• Uses commas to separate contrasted elements within a sentence• Uses commas to separate coordinate adjectives |
| Students: | RIT 211-220: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyzes the placement of commas in sentences listing items in a series• Uses commas in personal greetings• Uses commas with introductory words (e.g., well, no, sorry)• Uses commas after introductory phrases and clauses• Recognizes the correct placement of commas in sentences with introductory phrases and clauses• Recognizes correct placement of commas for independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction• Recognizes correct usage of commas in punctuation of locations• Uses commas to enclose interruptions and explanatory words or phrases• Recognizes the correct placement of commas for interruptions and explanatory words or phrases• Recognizes correct usage of commas to set off appositives• Recognizes correct placement of commas to set off unnecessary (nonrestrictive) clauses• Recognizes correct placement of commas to set off unnecessary (nonrestrictive) phrases• Recognizes correct placement of commas to separate nouns of direct address from the rest of the sentence• Recognizes correct usage of commas in direct quotations |
| Students: | RIT 201-210: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizes the correct usage of commas in the closing of a letter• Analyzes the placement of commas in sentences listing items in a series• Uses commas for items in a series• Uses commas in personal greetings• Uses commas with introductory words (e.g., well, no, sorry)• Uses commas after introductory phrases and clauses• Recognizes the correct placement of commas in sentences with introductory phrases and clauses• Uses commas between two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction• Recognizes correct placement of commas for independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction• Recognizes correct usage of commas in punctuation of locations• Uses commas to enclose interruptions and explanatory words or phrases• Recognizes correct usage of commas to set off appositives• Uses commas to separate nouns of direct address from the rest of the sentence• Recognizes correct placement of commas to separate nouns of direct address from the rest of the sentence |
| Students: | RIT 191-200: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses commas to punctuate dates• Recognizes correct placement of commas in written dates• Recognizes the correct usage of commas in the greeting of a letter• Identifies the correct placement of commas after introductory words• Recognizes the correct usage of commas in the closing of a letter• Recognizes the correct placement of commas to show items in a series• Uses commas to correctly punctuate locations• Recognizes correct placement of commas for nouns of direct address• Identifies correct usage of commas in direct quotations• Identifies correct placement of commas for introductory phrases and clauses• Uses commas correctly after introductory phrases and clauses• Uses commas between two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction |

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RIT 181-190:

- Recognizes correct placement of commas in written dates
- Recognizes the correct usage of commas in the greeting of a letter
- Identifies the correct placement of commas after introductory words
- Uses commas to show items in a series
- Recognizes the correct placement of commas to show items in a series
- Uses commas to correctly punctuate locations
- Recognizes correct placement of commas for nouns of direct address

Students:

RIT 171-180:

- Uses commas for items in a series
- Identifies correct usage of commas in dates

Students:

RIT 161-170:

- *No Skills Listed*

Students:

RIT Below 161:

- *No Skills Listed*