

Punctuation: Commas, Compound Sentence, Series I

For numbers 1-6, choose the sentence that shows the correct use of a comma in a compound sentence.

1.

A. Sean is an auto mechanic and he doesn't mind getting dirty, on the job.

B. The baby kept crying, yet she didn't seem to be ill.

C. The seafood special is fried catfish but, flounder, is also on the menu.

D. Citizens can vote at the polls or, voters can use absentee ballots.
2.

A. Betty jogs a mile everyday, so she is in great shape.

B. The pitcher threw his fast ball and, the batter struck out.

C. Tyrone walked home from school yet, he could have taken the bus.

D. An actor can work on a television show, or, he can act in movies.
3.

A. I take vitamins everyday, yet, I still feel tired.

B. My brother flies an airplane, but he is not a commercial pilot.

C. An athlete can play football, or, he could choose to be a baseball player.

D. Darla watches television everyday and she enjoys the soap, operas.
4.

A. Jack is looking for a job, so, he is updating his resume.

B. Many people buy lottery tickets, but, not everyone is a winner.

C. The dogs were barking loudly, at night and they kept me awake.

D. A verdict can be decided by a judge, or a jury can make that decision.
5.

A. I like the cafeteria food so I eat there, everyday.

B. The recipe calls for two eggs and we have, only one.

C. My mother is a senior citizen, but she still has skill in driving her car.

D. The fish was advertised as fresh but it had a bad, smell.
6.

A. Sam did not like his food selection, nor did he like the restaurant service.

B. My brother plays a guitar but, he is not in a band.

C. The snow melted and the streets became wet, and slushy.

D. We planted new shrubs so, we are hoping for rain.

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For numbers 7-12, choose the sentence that shows the correct use of commas in a series.

7. **A.** Winter, spring, summer, and fall, are the four seasons.
B. Jack's hobbies are sailing his boat, playing tennis and fishing for trout.
C. The office workers include a secretary, a paralegal, and a file clerk.
D. Food can be cooked in the oven in the microwave, or on the grill.
8. **A.** The school offers training, in nursing, child care and accounting.
B. Jay, Bert, and Fred, feel confident they will make the team.
C. Janie lives with her mother, father, sister, and, two brothers.
D. My favorite colors are blue, yellow, and green.
9. **A.** Margie is a bright, cheerful, fun-loving, person.
B. Roast beef, turkey, or ham is usually served for a holiday dinner.
C. The zoo now has, a gorilla, a panther, and a giraffe on site.
D. The students can choose to study Spanish French, or Italian.
10. **A.** The most popular pastas are spaghetti, fettuccine, and ravioli.
B. Eggs can be fried, scrambled, or, boiled.
C. Young boys enjoy playing, baseball, soccer, and football.
D. Cereal, eggs, and pancakes, are breakfast food items.
11. **A.** Training classes can be taken in the morning, afternoon, or, evening.
B. An address can be on, a street, lane, road, or boulevard.
C. Jazz, rock, country, and classical are types of music.
D. Her favorite gems, are diamonds, rubies and emeralds.
12. **A.** The three meals of the day are breakfast, lunch, and, dinner.
B. Florida, Georgia and Alabama are southern states.
C. Some American coins are, pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.
D. Most people live in homes, apartments, condos, or townhouses.

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For numbers 13-20, choose the sentence that shows the correct use of commas.

13. **A.** My furniture is old, but it is still valuable to me.
B. For school, each pupil will need pencils, erasers, and, tablets.
C. Robins blue jays, and wrens are types of birds.
D. My sister is a good singer and she sings in the church choir.
14. **A.** I bought a new suit and I also bought shoes to go with it.
B. Her hobbies are bicycling, dancing, and boating.
C. Butter is made from milk but, margarine is made from corn oil.
D. Our entertainment activities include, movies, concerts and plays.
15. **A.** We went to the party and, we had a great time.
B. The final exam is on Monday, and, it will be a multiple-choice test.
C. The contest prizes will be tickets for movies, restaurants, and, shows.
D. The manager is the top boss, so he can be strict with the employees.
16. **A.** Everyday reading includes books, magazines, and newspapers.
B. A play ticket can be pre-ordered or, it can be purchased at the door.
C. The office supplies we need are, paper, scotch tape, and pens.
D. The hurricane hit the city, and, it caused a great deal of damage.
17. **A.** Karen studied for her math test yet, she didn't get a high score.
B. The boys did the yard work, and, they were well paid.
C. The soldiers finished their training, so they celebrated with a party.
D. The movie will be showing on Friday Saturday, and Sunday.
18. **A.** The clock is broken and, it will have to be fixed.
B. The three girls chosen for cheerleaders were Sally, Helen, and Nicki.
C. Ryan wants to be a police officer so, he is attending classes.
D. My young son is always running, jumping, or, climbing.
19. **A.** Brad runs two miles everyday and, he is in great shape.
B. Tom wants to propose to his girlfriend, so he is purchasing a ring.
C. The groceries on my list include, milk, bread, and peanut butter.
D. Taylor never had a music lesson yet, she can play the piano.
20. **A.** She could take the file clerk job or, she can look for another position.
B. The office staff consists of Matt, Sheila Charley, and Larry.
C. Some workers bring their lunches to work, and others eat in the cafeteria.
D. Jeff doesn't make much money yet, he lives in a fancy house.

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Answer Key

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. C
8. D
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. B
15. D
16. A
17. C
18. B
19. B
20. C