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EOC Comma Practice
Comma Practice #5: With Direct Quotes

A comma is used to separate directly quoted material from the rest of the sentence.

Example: "Learning about commas is interesting," said Max.

1. "Well, it's not as hard as I thought it would be " responded Sue.
2. "You're right " agreed Bob. "I thought it would be really complicated."
3. "Let's see" thought Alice. "There are basically five times you use commas."
4. Max thought a minute and said "Ok, you use them to separate items in a series, right?"
5. "Yes, that's correct " answered Gloria. "And after introductory material!"
6. Bob said "You got that one right. And don't forget to use commas to set of interrupters in a sentence."
7. "Could you give me an example " asked Alex. "I don't know what you mean."
8. "Alex, a good friend, asked about comma usage " Bob said. "See, the good friend part isn't necessary so it is set off by commas."
9. "Now, the tricky usage is when two sentences are joined into one using a co-coordinating conjunction " explained Pierre. "Then you use a comma before the conjunction."
10. "Co-coordinating conjunctions " Elaine explained, "are words such as and, but, or, so."

REVIEW

1. Use commas when to separate items in a series to set of introductory material and to set off interrupters.
2. After this week's work you should be getting the idea about commas.
3. Comma usage isn't really hard though many people think it is if you know the rules.
4. Commas are used a lot on the End of Course test so learn the rules to pick up a lot of points!
5. "That's no big deal " hollered the students. "We can manage that!"

