



Comma Rules

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. An introductory _____ is a single word like "Meanwhile" or "Fortunately" that starts a sentence.
2. In "After the assembly, the students returned to class," the comma comes after an introductory _____.
3. The phrase "a famous inventor" in "Thomas Edison, a famous inventor, created the light bulb" is an _____.
4. If you remove an appositive from a sentence, the sentence should still make _____ sense.
5. Introductory phrases often tell _____, where, or how something happens.
6. In "Suddenly, the fire alarm went off," the word "Suddenly" is an introductory _____.
7. An appositive at the _____ of a sentence only needs one comma before it.
8. The comma after an introductory element gives the reader a natural _____ before the main idea.
9. In "My cousin Jake, an excellent swimmer, won the race," the appositive tells us _____ about Jake.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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"Next, stir the mixture until it is smooth."	→ _____	Comma after an introductory clause
"The Amazon, the largest rainforest, is in South America."	→ _____	Commas around an appositive phrase
"While we were sleeping, the first	→ _____	Comma after an introductory

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8. The comma after an introductory element gives the reader a natural pause before the main idea.
9. In "My cousin Jake, an excellent swimmer, won the race," the appositive tells us more about Jake.

Part B: Matching

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