

Comma Rules

1. use commas between items in a series
2. use commas in numbers
3. use a commas in letters (the greeting and closing)
4. use a comma between the day and the year
5. use a comma between a city and a state
6. use commas in compound sentences
7. use commas after an introductory word, interruptions and interjections
8. use a comma to set off a speaker's words
9. use a comma after an introductory phrases and clauses
10. use commas to set off appositives (a word or phrase that renames or explains a noun)
11. use commas to set off explanatory phrases (that add information)

Add commas in the sentence below. On the line, write the rule number:

_____ 1. One of the most deadly bacterium *Yersinia pestis* was responsible for the bubonic plague or "Black Death."

_____ 2. The plague killed roughly 200000000 people.

_____ 3. The bubonic plague is characterized by swollen lymph nodes in the neck armpits or groin.

_____ 4. Polio another terrible disease attacks the nerves that control muscles.

_____ 5. In 1952 the height of the polio epidemic in the U.S. there were nearly 60000 cases. More than 3000 people died.

_____ 6. Just two years later the Salk vaccine was introduced. The vaccine was safe and effective!

_____ 7. Is the largest organ in your body the liver the lungs the heart or the skin?

_____ 8. Yes the skin is the largest organ!

_____ 9. The tapir is a large heavy animal with a long snout powerful jaws excellent swimming skills and a vegetarian diet.

_____ 10.

Dear Mom and Dad

I love being at science camp. I have learned so many new things. The instructors said we'll do a chemistry experiment soon. I hope that we get to go to the laboratory tomorrow.

I miss you!

Love

Diana

_____ 11. Transpiration the process in which plants give off water vapor through their leaves cools the plant.

_____ 12. Because water is 850 times as dense as air ocean currents are much more powerful than wind.

_____ 13. A town in Hammerfest Norway plans to build 20 water mills to harness the power of the ocean.

_____ 14. On Feb. 7 1999 a small rocket probe was launched to collect dust samples from a comet.

_____ 15. The primary mission was successfully completed on January 15 2006.



_____ 16. The rocket traveled nearly 3500000000 miles.

_____ 17. The Dust Bowl also known as the Dirty Thirties was a period of severe dust storms that greatly damaged the ecology and agriculture of the US prairies.

_____ 18. Grandpa told us about the dust storms of the Great Depression. He told us "the air was so full of dust we could not open our eyes and could hardly breathe. Mother wet cloths and tied them over nose and mouth as the dust was so thick, even in the house, that you could not breathe. The storm lasted all night, and when we got up the next morning there was about an inch of fine, red dust on everything in the house."
[From [Memories of a Kansas Farm Boy](#)]

_____ 19. I enjoy learning about natural disasters but I would never want to experience one.

_____ 20. Yikes the two jaws of that Venus flytrap just snapped shut on the bug.



_____ 21. Of course they're not real jaws. The jaws are really just leaf.