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Revolutionary's Work – Grammar Time

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
- Mahatma Gandhi*

Directions: Each sentence is missing a comma that follows the same rule. Add the missing commas.

"Why would you ask such a weird question" asked Crystal.

Jenna replied "I don't know. I was just curious."

"Look" said Crystal, "I don't know if he likes you or not. If you're so curious ask him yourself."

Jenna blushed and replied "OMG! No way would I do that. What if the word got out?"

"Then people would know that you were in love with a nerd" she laughed.

"Not funny" sighed Jenna. But she giggled a little bit too.

The commas that you should have added above all involve the same basic rule for comma usage. Describe that rule.

Rule #3: Use commas in order to

_____.

You can quote me on it—if you use commas correctly, that is!

A) Put the comma inside the quotation marks when it is used to separate the quotation from the dialogue tag.

Ex. "When Americans go to war, they need to be prepared," declared the history professor.

Give it a try! _____

B) Put the comma after dialogue tag/before the quotation marks when they lead into a quotation.

Ex. B: Ms. Anderson spoke out, "Never forget that you do have a choice in how your country is run."

Give it a try! _____

C) Do both A and B if the dialogue tag interrupts the quotation.

Ex. C: "We have a responsibility to our children," said Carroll, "to leave them without a serious debt."

Give it a try! _____

Place commas where they belong in each of the following sentences and code each sentence according to the rule you used to add your commas:

SC = Serial comma (commas used to separate items in a list)

2IC = Comma that goes with coordinating conjunction to join 2 independent clauses

QC = Commas used in direct quotations

1. We stayed close together in the dark damp mysterious rainforest. _____
2. "I'm hungry" my father said. _____
3. Lewis fell down the stairs but somehow managed not to hurt himself. _____
4. "My father is a teacher" Hunter said. "He teaches math" he added. _____
5. Brian needed a new girlfriend but nobody would even look at him. _____
6. I can't wait for California and I'm especially excited about seeing San Francisco. _____
7. "When we go to the zoo I want to see the elephants" Eric smiled. _____
8. "I don't understand "proclaimed Betty "why you are always rude to people." _____
9. Devin likes to water ski play football and make model planes. _____
10. Emanie Daijah and Orlando are consistently full of zest. _____