

# Comparative Construction II

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#2 - Punctuation: Practice

## Add commas where necessary.

1. Oil, which is lighter than water, rises to the surface.
2. Madame de Stael was an attractive, gracious lady.
3. *Nice* is a word with many meanings, and some of them are contradictory.
4. The closet contained worn clothes, old shoes, and dirty hats.

5. After surviving this ordeal, the trapper felt relieved.
6. Mark Twain's early novels, I believe, stand the test of time.
7. December 7, 1941, will never be forgotten.
8. The field was safe enough, wasn't it?
9. Write the editor of the *Atlantic*, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

10. He replied, "I have no idea what you mean."
11. After a good washing and grooming, the pup looked like a new dog.
12. Because of their opposition to institutions that force creatures to live in captivity, some people refuse to go to the zoo.
13. Vests, which were once popular, have been out of vogue for several years.

Rewrite each group of words so that it contains the punctuation listed.

1. James said that he d missed the train got lost and been arrested (*one period, 3/4 commas*)
2. When the bell rang our teacher stood up and said Stop writing (*one period, 2 commas, quotation marks*)
3. First of all this can be dangerous (*one comma, 1 period*)
4. Ann on the other hand did not agree (*2 commas, 1 period*)

5. Sara asked What time does the teacher usually get here *(1 comma, quotation marks, 1 question mark)*
6. The company produces 3 456 234 cars every year *(2 commas, 1 period)*
7. After the students finally stopped talking the teacher decided to give them a quiz *(1 comma, 1 period)*
8. We visited Los Angeles California Paris France and Cairo Egypt *(3 commas, 2 semi-colons, 1 period)*

10. They usually don t do homework on Wednesday (*1 apostrophe, 1 period*)
11. The students grades on this exam were low (*1 apostrophe, 1 period*)
12. The graduation ceremony for the class of 99 was postponed because of the storm (*1 apostrophe, 1 period*)
13. The X ray showed that Saras arm was broken (*1 hyphen, 1 apostrophe, 1 period*)

14. Since class finishes at 10 30 we will be able to catch the 10 50 bus *(1 comma, 2 colons, 1 period)*



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