

EXERCISE 32–4: Major uses of the comma

This exercise covers the major uses of the comma. Add or delete commas where necessary. If a sentence is correct, write “correct” after it. Example:

Although we invited him to the party, Gerald decided to spend another late
night in the computer room.

- a. Cricket, which originated in England is also popular in Australia, South Africa and India.
 - b. At the sound of a starting pistol the horses surged forward toward the first obstacle, a sharp incline three feet high.
 - c. After the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 the Ku Klux Klan went underground for a few years but the group’s racist views did not change.
 - d. Jan’s costume was completed with bright red, snakeskin sandals.
 - e. Computers must be manufactured in clean climate-controlled rooms.
1. Research on Andean condors has shown that high levels of the chemical pesticide chlorinated hydrocarbon can cause the thinning of eggshells.
 2. Founded in 1868 Hampton University was one of the first colleges for African Americans.
 3. Aunt Emilia was an impossible demanding guest.
 4. The French Mirage, the fastest airplane in the Colombian air force, was an astonishing machine to fly.
 5. In the showroom sat a brand-new, red convertible Porsche, a car no driver can resist.