**Commas with Introductory Material**

When you have introductory material that comes before the main subject of the sentence, you need to set that introductory information off with a comma. The introductory material can be in the form of words, phrases, or clauses.

**Examples of words**

Yes, I will go with you!

Well, I’m not sure what time to arrive.

Sam, I think that’s a great idea!

**Examples of Introductory Clauses**

After he made the shot, Mr. Green smiled broadly.

Because the timelines were due at the end of the period, all the students worked diligently.

Although he faced challenging witnesses, Alex brought the truth to light through careful questioning.

**Examples of Introductory Phrases**

Wishing she could convince everyone of Odysseus' innocence, Kirke gave a passionate and moving speech.

Looking for a different challenge, some students chose the poetry assignment.

Under the table in the front of the room, Athena found Hermes magic sandals.

**Add commas where necessary. If correct, write “C”**

1. In the morning Amy likes to read the New York Times business section.
2. To win the 100 meter dash one must run very fast.
3. In 2002 we opened the first combination auto repair shop/book store in Virginia.
4. In the morning before school starts Amy likes to read The New York Times business section.
5. Riding her bicycle was Debbie's favorite mode of transportation.
6. Riding her bicycle across town Sally wondered if the Safeway would be out of corn flakes.
7. When the general enters the room the soldiers stand and salute.
8. When the general enters the room is the time to stand and salute.
9. After waiting for nearly an hour the class began to worry about the tardy teacher.
10. When the teacher finally arrived the class was surprised to see him wearing orange shorts and a Hawaiian shirt.
11. Because her friend had waited for her the girl was very happy.
12. While looking for her textbook the girl found her favorite watch.