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Words, Phrases, & Clauses Practice: Use what you have learned about commas to correct the following sentences.

1. Concerned about his future Brad went back to school.
2. Soaking in the stainless steel sink his shirt looked doomed.
3. I gathered all the supplies, before I started work this morning.
4. By repairing the equipment ourselves we saved several days.
5. Ecstatic the coach hugged the referee.
6. I will remember how to assemble this vacuum, as long as I have the directions.
7. As far as I know the guests in that room checked out an hour ago.

Clarifying Meaning & Setting off Explaining Phrases Practice: Use what you have learned to add commas to the following sentences.

8. Air quality a major urban problem has steadily improved over the last few years
9. Walter the featured artist delivered a stunning presentation.
10. Sharon spends Friday evenings at the movies an event she looks forward to all week.
11. Ms. Mason the route manager always leaves the papers at the corner.
12. My aunt Marsha will visit later this month. (The writer has only one aunt.)

Essential & Nonessential Clauses Practice: Each of the following sentences contains a dependent clause. If the clause is essential, do not add commas. If it is nonessential, set it off with commas.

13. Mr. Lindgren is not a man **who likes to be fooled**.
14. Nicole lives on Briarwood Drive **which is south of the freeway**.
15. The cattle **that were vaccinated** are immune to mad cow disease.
16. Children **who are born on February 29** start school before they are two.
17. The mall restaurant offers free beverages to anyone **who orders a dinner**.
18. Josh **who is very outgoing** has become one of my best friends.

Review: It is time for a real challenge. The paragraph contains no commas, end marks, or capital letters. Use what you have learned so far and what you know to add **capital letters**, **end marks**, and **commas** to make sense of the paragraph.

because mary and velma were morning people they met for breakfast every day before work they met at village inn on the corner of university ave and swanson blvd usually they had a light breakfast of bagels with cream cheese and coffee whenever one of the m had something to celebrate they would order english muffins and omelets something neither of them liked to make themselves how they enjoyed those mornings

they had a host of special rules regarding these special omelets what were those rules if one of them was celebrating a birthday they ordered omelets with something red such as tomatoes or red peppers mary's birthday was feb 22 velma's was oct 12 if one of them had received a raise they ordered omelets with green peppers or green onions only once when velma won the lottery did they order omelets with cheese and bacon