Commas B

**Use a comma before and, but, for, nor, or, so, or yet when it joins independent clauses in a compound sentence.**

**EXAMPLES**  Joshua’s uncle drove us to the skating rink, and he decided to skate with us.
Ariel took her umbrella, for it looked like rain.

**EXERCISE A**  Underline the conjunction in the sentences that follow. Then, add commas where necessary. If a sentence needs no comma, write C to the left of the item number.

**Example 1.** Some people enjoy long car trips, but others get restless in the car.

1. Our family planned a driving trip so we needed maps.
2. Mom looked carefully but couldn’t find Elgin.
3. She put on glasses for the print was tiny.
4. The scenery was great yet my sister was restless.
5. Is that normal or is something wrong with the car’s engine?
6. Carla noticed I’d forgotten my pencil so she lent me one of hers.
7. My cousin Cary writes music and plays in a band.
8. He invited us to listen but we had no time.
9. Who woke us up and why must we leave early?
10. Yoko is not a good traveler nor am I.

**EXERCISE B**  Combine two sentences to make a compound sentence. Include commas as needed.

**Example 1.** Rain was pouring down. The football game continued. **Rain was pouring down, yet the football game continued.**

11. I brought a new camera. It broke.  

12. It rained on Sunday. We were disappointed.  

13. The mountains were snowy. The weather didn’t seem very cold.  

14. I can borrow skis. Maybe I can rent some.  

15. Mariana spotted a fire tower. Dad saw a deer.  

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