

EXERCISE 32-2 The Comma

Add or delete commas where necessary in the following sentences. If a sentence is correct, write "correct" after it. Example:

We gathered our essentials, took off for the great outdoors, and ignored the fact that it was Friday the 13th.

- a. The cold impersonal atmosphere of the university was unbearable.
 - b. An ambulance threaded its way through police cars, fire trucks and irate citizens.
 - c. The 1812 Overture is a stirring, magnificent piece of music.
 - d. After two broken arms, three cracked ribs and one concussion, Ken quit the varsity football team.
 - e. My cat's pupils had constricted to small black shining dots.
1. We prefer our staff to be orderly, prompt and efficient.
 2. For breakfast the children ordered cornflakes, English muffins with peanut butter and cherry Cokes.
 3. It was a small, unimportant part, but I was happy to have it.
 4. Cyril was clad in a luminous orange rain suit and a brilliant white helmet.
 5. Anne Frank and thousands like her were forced to hide in attics, cellars and secret rooms in an effort to save their lives.