

EXERCISE 32-1 The Comma

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

Because it rained all Labor Day, our picnic was rather soggy.

- a. Alisa brought the injured bird home, and fashioned a splint out of Popsicle sticks for its wing.
 - b. Considered the first Western philosopher Thales believed that water was the elemental principle underlying all things.
 - c. If you complete the enclosed card, and return it within two weeks, you will receive a free breakfast during your stay.
 - d. After retiring from the New York City Ballet in 1965, legendary dancer Maria Tallchief went on to found the Chicago City Ballet.
 - e. Uncle Swen's dulcimers disappeared as soon as he put them up for sale but he always kept one for himself.
1. When the runaway race car crashed the gas tank exploded.
 2. He pushed the car beyond the tollgate, and poured a bucket of water on the smoking hood.
 3. Lighting the area like a second moon the helicopter circled the scene.
 4. As the concert began, we heard a tremendous explosion.
 5. Many musicians of Bach's time played several instruments but few mastered them as early or played with as much expression as Bach.