

Test Your Comma Know-How—Answer Key

The following sentences are all in dire need of a comma or two. Your job is to figure out where they go. Punctuate the following sentences by placing the comma(s) in the proper place(s). Good luck!

1. Singing, Tommy ran into a truck.
2. Danny, said Maggie, is upset. He won't talk to me.
3. Plot, from the old German word *platte*, means a chunk of flat metal.
4. I stayed up all night with the help of sugar, coffee, and loud music.
5. Endless minutes passed and night fell rapidly, completely cloaking them in black.
6. The stuffy alleys scared Jorges, slowly sending him into shivers.
7. The old man, as a general rule, takes a walk before lunch.
8. May, you are a good girl.
9. When Mr. Thumb was ready to eat, his cat jumped on the table.
10. The lives of a jockey, a horse owner, and a trainer are changed by a little girl.
11. In the car, all they talked about was sports.
12. She stood still, waiting for the curtain to fall.
13. In the shadow of the prairie, dogs roamed freely.
14. I am forever burned by her silver eyes, the color of steel.
15. After we left the crowd, it evaporated.