

Grade 9 English Language

1. Revision lessons for 1st term

Competency 2 - Uses mechanics of writing with understanding

Competency level 2.6 – Uses comma with understanding

Subject content – (comma ,)

- ❖ Lists – Pupils’ book activity 8 and 9 (page 14)
- ❖ Coordinating clauses – workbook activity 6 (page8)
- ❖ Vocatives – Pupils’ book activity 4 (page 11)

The **vocative comma** is a punctuation mark used when the speaker is addressing a specific person or persons.

Let's look at the examples below...

Do you understand, Jonathan? ...
Julie, please answer me.
Yes, of course ..

Do the following activity –

lists

1. Carlos wants to visit Paris Italy Germany and China.
2. My favourite colours are blue red and pink.
3. I like to go hiking fishing swimming and camping during summer.
4. I have to clean my room walk the dog and take out the trash.
5. The tree is very tall old and green.
6. I need to visit my mother wash my car and buy six stamps

Answers –

1. Carlos wants to visit Paris, Italy, Germany, and China. 2. My favourite colours are blue, red, and pink. 3. I like to go hiking, fishing, swimming, and camping during summer. 4. I have to clean my room, walk the dog, and take out the trash. 5. The tree is very tall, old, and green 6. I need to visit my mother, wash my car, and buy six stamps.

Coordinating clauses

1. In five minutes the building will be closed.
2. When I get home I am going to brush my teeth.
3. Until I reach my goal I will not stop working.
4. If I get a new job I will be very happy.

5. To become an astronaut it takes much hard work and determination.

6. Because she is only twelve she is not old enough to drive.

Answers –

1. In five minutes, the building will be closed. 2. When I get home, I am going to brush my teeth. 3. Until I reach my goal, I will not stop working. 4. If I get a new job, I will be very happy. 5. To become an astronaut, it takes much hard work and determination. 6. Because she is only twelve, she is not old enough to drive.

Vocatives

1. Yes I would like more water please.

2. Sorry we do not have enough room.

3. Well I hope the problem will be fixed soon.

4. However I am very good at math.

5. Wait is there another way?

6. Unfortunately we do not have enough time

Answers –

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***** Extra reading – Commas can be used in a variety of ways. Look at some of the following sentences to see how you might use a comma when writing a sentence.

- **Introductory word:** Personally, I think the practice is helpful.
- **Lists:** The barn, the tool shed, and the back porch were destroyed by the wind.
- **Coordinating adjectives:** He was tired, hungry, and late.
- **Conjunctions in compound sentences:** The bedroom door was closed, so the children knew their mother was asleep.
- **Interrupting words:** I knew where it was hidden, of course, but I wanted them to find it themselves.
- **Dates, addresses, greetings, and letters:** The letter was postmarked December 8, 1945.