

Commas and Periods - Answer Key

1. (B) He hosted a cowboy-themed party. It was held in the red barn.

Explanation: use a period to avoid a run-on sentence.

2. (B) I'm voting for A.J. Jefferson because he will be our next congressman.

Explanation: no comma is necessary in this sentence.

3. (A) If you are interested in working for our company, send us your résumé.

Explanation: when starting a sentence with a dependent clause, end that clause with a comma.

4. (C) My oldest cousin, who lives in Detroit, used to be a policeman.

Explanation: use commas to enclose nonessential clauses ("who lives in Detroit").

5. (A) Jonathan Green, M.D., will be the keynote speaker at the conference.

Explanation: use commas to enclose degrees ("M.D.") when used following names.

6. (A) The keynote speaker at the conference will be Jonathan Green, M.D.

Explanation: See Explanation 5. Do not use two periods to end a sentence.

7. (B) Well, do you think we'll see the sun today?

Explanation: use a comma after "Well" when it introduces a sentence.

8. (C) Frank visited the travel agent but still did not book his trip.

Explanation: this is a complete sentence with no inner punctuation necessary.

9. (C) I want to go now. Let's not go later.

Explanation: see Explanation 1.

10. (B) I really enjoyed the show. The acting was superb.

Explanation: see Explanation 1.