WRITING AND READING CENTER
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COMMAS WITH COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Insert any necessary commas in the following sentences. Note: Some sentences may not need commas.

EXAMPLE: The lawnmower broke so Anna bought a new one.
          The lawnmower broke, so Anna bought a new one.

1. I enjoyed the novel and am anxious to read others by the same author.
2. We have not seen Irene recently nor has anyone else seen her.
3. Tom passed the bar examination but his brother failed.
4. We were forced to change our vacation plans for the weather was too rainy for a camping trip.
5. The team member rounded third and headed for home.
6. You must write your essays legibly for Dr. Watson has poor eyesight.
7. George was ill and was excused from the physical education class.
8. Today may be Connie’s birthday or it is next week.
9. Michael Powell is a remarkable student and has been awarded a Rhodes scholarship.
10. George Orwell’s novel 1984 is fascinating but terrifying.
11. We laughed when Helen appeared on the stage for she was carrying the goat in her arms.
12. The dean tried to telephone you last evening but your telephone was out of order.
13. I will study for the ministry and my sister will study to be a physician.
14. Ms. Washburn visited us last Sunday and brought her three poodles with her.
15. I realize that you are a busy person but can’t you spare a few minutes to answer my questions?
16. Our relatives live an hour’s drive from here but we visit them often because they are nice people and fine conversationalists.
17. Larry was the tallest member of the cast and was given the role of a soldier.

18. Professor Gadsby was ill last Wednesday yet he attended the concert on Friday.

19. Kendra showed us her latest poems and consented to read them to us.

20. I arrived at the theater several minutes late and missed part of the first act.