

# USING COMMAS

For each of the following sentences, identify whether commas have been used correctly or incorrectly and then explain your choice.

**e.g.** While she chopped the vegetables, Toby declared that he had lost his job.

Identify: Correct Explain: Here the comma is being used to separate an introductory element – in this case, a subordinate clause.

**1.** I don't think I could ever skydive, I am afraid of heights.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** My father loves to fish, hike, snowboard and surf.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend, always looked too perfect to me.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Sally started her homework two hours ago and, she just finished.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**5.** It was a large shiny brand-new, computer.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** On the other hand, I think that your argument has merit.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**7.** "Don't ever do that again", she said.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**8.** The computer, which had never been used was finally turned on.

Identify: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_