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LEVEL 1 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (CLAUSES)

Directions: **Read** and **evaluate** the given sentences. **Identify** and **add** commas to separate the non-essential elements from the rest of the sentence.

1. California which has the nation's largest economy is on the west coast.

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2. James who moved here just two weeks ago won the spelling bee.

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3. The movie which I was talking about will come to the local movie theater next week.

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4. Barack Obama whose father was from Kenya became President of the USA.

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5. The man that I saw had dark hair. NO COMMA

The man, who ate pizza, had dark hair.

6. England where Dave grew up has some of the best universities in the world.

(1) (1)

7. The neighborhood where I grew up was very safe and quiet.

essential - needed to make sense

8. Santa Claus who wears a red suit and has a long white beard is loved by children everywhere.

(1) (1)

9. This book which was written over one hundred years ago has some very interesting facts.

(1) (1)

10. The amusement park where people of all ages come to relax and have fun will close next year.

(1) (1)

11. Ms. Wilkie who enjoys Michigan State football attended every home game for four years.

(1) (1)

12. The shirt that fit too tightly was later sold on Poshmark.

LEVEL 2 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (CLAUSES)

Directions: In the space provided, identify whether the sentence needs **who**, **which**, or **that**.

1. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
2. *Walden Pond*, which was written in the mid-1800s, remains a popular book among romantic and individualistic Americans.
3. She prefers to watch movies that make her cry.
4. He bought all the books that are required for the course.
5. In the crowd were several recruits who are regarded as excellent prospects for next year's team.
6. The police were able to find no evidence against her, which surprised no one who knows her well.
7. Tashonda Viereck's children, who all graduated from college, came home for her eightieth birthday.
8. Predictably, the students who did best were *not* the ones who stayed up all night studying.
9. She wanted to buy a scarf that would complement her blue eyes.
10. The answers, which you can find in the back of the book, are sometimes incorrect.
11. Ahmed is the skydiver who broke his back last week.
12. Here is a problem that can't be solved without a calculator.
13. The domino theory, which stated that when one country fell to communism, others in the area would likely fall, was used as an argument to continue the Vietnam War.
14. The baker who baked that bread should win an award.
15. The tomatoes from her garden, which grew larger than those in the grocery store, were sweet and ripe.

LEVEL 3 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (CLAUSES)

DIRECTIONS: Use your notes to help you! Write the correct response - **who vs. whom**

1. Kerry Ann, who hates spiders, wears bug-stomping boots wherever she goes.
2. Professor Borglum glared at Reggie, who spent the entire class drawing space aliens in the margins of the lecture outline.
3. Into the dark apartment walked David, whom we nearly killed with surprise when everyone shouted "Happy Birthday" and jumped from behind the furniture.
4. In desperation, Belinda sought help from Professor White, whom she knew preferred playing solitaire on his computer to assisting students during office hours.
5. The doctor explained that Rex, who we had rushed to the veterinary clinic, would not die after eating eight bananas that he stole off the kitchen counter.
6. Tim was too embarrassed to say anything to Deidre, whom had sautéed spinach caught between two teeth.
7. Grandma bought Freddie, who wears black T-shirts exclusively, a button-down white oxford shirt and a navy blue blazer for Christmas.
8. Grandma, whom Freddie loves despite her bad taste in clothing, believes that a blue blazer is an essential component of a young man's wardrobe.
9. Who believes that Kyle will eat the tarantula fried in garlic and olive oil?
10. Kyle, who will take anyone's dare, no matter how outrageous, smacked his lips in anticipation of the fried tarantula.
11. The game show host presented a trophy and a \$500 check to Kyle, whom Sara refused to give a congratulatory kiss.
12. Oliver, who hates to cut the lawn, pushed the heavy mower through the tall grass rather than face a fine by the homeowners association.

LEVEL 4 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (CLAUSES)

Directions: Using the given theme, create sentences following the given guidelines.

Theme: Second Semester

1. Sentence with a "who" nonessential element

Maheen, who is the manager of the writing center, is really supportive of her peers.

2. Sentence with a "which" nonessential element

The writing center, which is a club dedicated to helping students achieve their writing potential, is successful in its mission.

3. Sentence with a "that" nonessential element

Jackleen bought all the food that she needed to sustain herself.

4. Sentence with a "whom" nonessential element

Ms. Wilkie is a teacher for whom grammar matters.

5. Sentence with ANY nonessential element

The Writing Center, which is open every Tuesday + Thursday, has many helpful tutors.

Directions: Read the following sentences. Evaluate and select the appropriate answer.

1. (Who, Whom) ^{do} you want to speak to? him/her
2. If I had known (who, whom) that was, I would have spoken to him.
3. Next month's speaker will be (whoever, whomever) the committee chooses. him/her
4. Everyone (who, whom) received an invitation should plan to attend.
5. He is a person (who, whom) I think, we should honor. him/her
6. (Who, Whom) did you meet at the mall? him/her
7. There are several people (who, whom) I believe should be included. he/she
8. (Who, Whom) do you think will be elected? he/she
9. (Whoever, Whomever) wants to apply for the job should be here at noon. he/she
10. The person for (who, whom) this package was intended does not live here. him/her

LEVEL 5 - NON-ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS (CLAUSES)

Directions: Read the paragraph below. Proofread and make changes where needed in order to ensure the paragraph follows all appropriate rules we have gone over thus far!

This weekend I felt like I conducted highway robbery, because I got some great deals while shopping. First I went to PINK a store on North and Clybourn to look at workout gear. If I bought a work out tank top I could receive a pair of yoga pants for free. Yoga pants which are normally \$79 were completely free! Then I went to Express a store that sells both men's and women's clothing. Scanning the racks I found a black minus-the-leather jacket. However it was in a size XS. I digging through the countless garments was able to finally find my size. Unfortunately the jacket in my size did not have a sale sticker on it which caused me to panic. I went to a nice young sales associate that told me she would be able to honor the sale price. I was able to purchase a \$130 faux-leather jacket for \$40! Finally I went to this place called Peeled an all-natural juice bar. I wanted to get a smoothie after my workout and I noticed a man was walking out with a smoothie. To my surprise I ordered the same smoothie as him. The woman who was standing at the counter told me that because she had made too much for the man before me she would give me the smoothie for free. I had such a lucky day!