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## ELA Buzz

Add the missing comma.

As emphasized earlier there is no right or wrong side in this debate.

Check the box that describes what the comma offsets.

- an introductory phrase
- an appositive
- an independent clause

Fill in each blank with an adverb of the indicated kind that makes sense.

Tomorrow is the day \_\_\_\_\_ we hold our debate. (relative)

Samir \_\_\_\_\_ gets nervous before class presentations, but not today. (frequency)

Our team performed \_\_\_\_\_ well! (degree)



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Rewrite the sentence correctly.

Witch do you think are more important: nacher nor nercher. **6 errors**

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Use the correct verb tenses from the box to complete the sentence.

**is gaining    was gaining    decided    had decided**

Once Mrs. Bursie realized neither side \_\_\_\_\_ ground in the debate, she \_\_\_\_\_ to end the activity.

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Appositives rename nouns or pronouns. When they are nonessential to sentence meaning, they are offset by commas or similar punctuation. Phrases that explain other parts of speech through definitions or synonyms are punctuated in the same way.

Add the missing comma(s) in both sentences. Identify which each sentence uses by writing **A** (appositive) or **S** (synonym rephrasing) on the line.

\_\_\_\_\_ Molars the flatter teeth near the back are built to grind and chew.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Jackson's tooth is impacted or stuck below her gumline.

Draw lines to match the punctuation marks with the descriptions of what they most commonly do.



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Circle the verb that is in the incorrect tense. Then write it in the correct tense on the line.

The dental assistant walked in while I had rinsed my mouth.

\_\_\_\_\_

Braces make flossing trickier the dentist said These threaders can help

Circle the answer that uses a pun and makes sense. Then explain how it works.

**Why didn't the dentist like the award she won?**

It was like biting the hand that fed her.

It was a heavy plaque.

She thought it was too flashy.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Use the best word from the box to complete the sentence. Then explain your choice.

**concrete    physical    substantial**

Studies show that having artistic hobbies improves both mental and \_\_\_\_\_ health.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Correctly format the title in the sentence by either underlining it or placing it in quotation marks. Circle the letters that should be capitalized.

uncle mark got me a book called art as outlet: the power of expression that explores the many benefits of engaging in the arts.

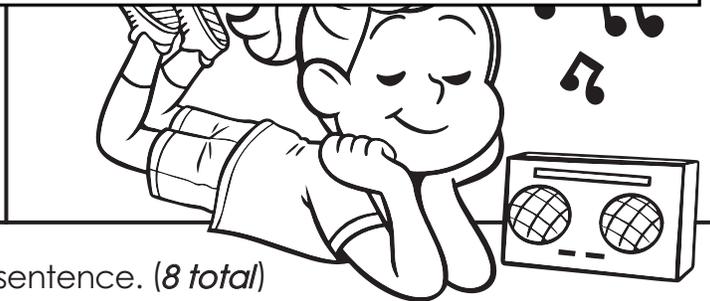
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- a. She thinks it should've taken less time.
- b. She had assumed it took longer.
- c. She is impressed by the sculpture's detail.



Fill in the table with the appropriate words from the sentence. (8 total)

Justus uses dance to channel strong feelings into emotionally moving performances.

<i>prepositions</i>	<i>adjectives</i>	<i>adverbs</i>	<i>common nouns</i>

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Underline the common root in all three words.

**epidermis** – the skin’s outermost layer

**dermatitis** – irritation of the skin

**taxidermy** – the art of stuffing and posing animal skins

Complete the analogy.

skeleton : skeletal :: skin : \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the two words that are antonyms.

If you dislike genuine animal leather, there’s a growing number of faux leather materials you can use instead, including some made from plants.

Circle a synonym for the *second* word.

**substances    stylish    artificial**



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\_\_\_\_\_ source of leather worldwide.

Combine the two sentences into one correctly punctuated sentence using a conjunctive adverb that makes sense.

Caring for leather makes it last longer. You should properly maintain it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Choose the best linking word from the box to connect the sentences or clauses.

**identically    accordingly    additionally**

As skin ages, it usually loses strength and elasticity. \_\_\_\_\_, damage from the sun or chemicals changes its appearance.

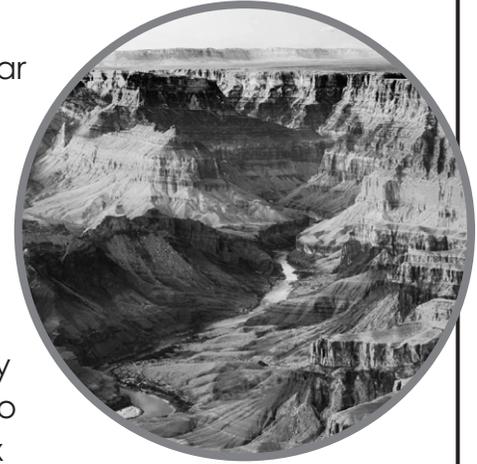
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How grand is Arizona's Grand Canyon? The six-million-year-old scar in the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts is pretty spectacular. It stretches 277 miles (446 km). It reaches a max of 6,093 feet (1,857 m) deep and 18 miles (29 km) wide. You can stare at the colorful, layered landscape for hours. It's nearly two billion years of geologic history laid bare by the Colorado River.

However, the Grand Canyon is neither the longest, deepest, nor widest canyon you can visit. There are several that beat it in one way or another. Length and depth records belong to the Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon in Tibet. It's about 36 miles (58 km) longer and its max depth is a jaw-dropping 19,714 feet (6,009 m). As for width, Australia's beautiful Capertee Valley squeaks past Arizona's Grand Canyon by about 1 mile (1.6 km).



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How long is the Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon?

- a.** about 19,714 feet      **b.** about 482 miles      **c.** about 313 miles

Complete the sentence using the plural form of the noun.

The guides pass out \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of tours. (survey)

The colorful layers are a picture of Earth's history.

Which could replace the underlined word without significantly changing the metaphor's meaning?

- a.** cartoon    **b.** portrait    **c.** model

Fill in the blank with an indefinite pronoun. Do not create a double negative.

Greenland's Grand Canyon has never been seen by \_\_\_\_\_ because it's under ice!

Circle the word you would italicize to emphasize that you're talking about a specific canyon.

That canyon is 100 million years old?

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## ANSWERS

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an introductory phrase

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Draw a line to match each word with its synonym.

debate	orderly
research	investigate
support	defend
structured	argue

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Does the author think one canyon is the best? How do you know?

Answers may vary but should indicate the positive descriptions of all canyons suggest the author thinks they are all impressive.

The addition of which detail would best support a key idea?

**b. a list of canyons whose dimensions exceed the Grand Canyon's**

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**c. about 313 miles**

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