

Commas with Essential and Nonessential Elements Practice Exercise 1

Directions: Decide whether the underlined portion of the sentence is an essential or non-essential element.

1. That computer, a Lenovo, was a great deal for the money.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

2. His brother Joseph was a college basketball star.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

3. The Wilkinsons, our friendly neighbors, had a cookout last night.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

4. Her car, a Toyota, had over 200,000 miles on it.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

5. The poet Shakespeare created hundreds of words.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

6. Chess, an ancient game of strategy, requires much skill.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

7. Kendrick, a student from my English class, is coming over to study.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

8. The short story "The Necklace" has an ironic twist of events.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

9. Miami, a fun place to visit in the winter, is full of fantastic restaurants.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

10. His father cooked his breakfast, an egg with toast, every morning.
 - A. Essential element
 - B. Non-essential element

Answer Key: Commas with Essential and Nonessential Elements Practice Exercise 1

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. B