Comma Detectives

Find the sentences with commas in the right places.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.2c "Use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Steve?)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT	REVISE
This sentence uses a comma after yes or no, before a tag question, or with a name used to speak to someone. Those lanterns are bright, aren't they?	This sentence needs a comma in one of those places. Captain hand me the rope.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the tag that fits each sentence, then choose one sentence from each category and explain how its commas, or missing commas, helped you sort it.

1.	Yes, I found the missing button.	CORRECT REVISE
2.	We should leave soon, shouldn't we?	CORRECT REVISE
3.	Please bring your helmet Riley.	CORRECT REVISE
4.	No, the creek is not frozen.	CORRECT REVISE
5.	Yes we painted the sign.	CORRECT REVISE
6.	That book was exciting wasn't it?	CORRECT REVISE
7.	Omar, stack the trays carefully.	CORRECT REVISE
8.	No, I did not hear the bell.	CORRECT REVISE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence for CORRECT and one new sentence for REVISE.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with yes or no at the beginning and a person's name in the middle. Use every comma needed.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · L.5.2c

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Yes, I found the missing button.	**CORRECT**	A comma correctly follows yes.
2	We should leave soon, shouldn't we?	**CORRECT**	A comma correctly sets off the tag question.
3	Please bring your helmet Riley.	**REVISE**	A comma is needed before Riley, who is being addressed.
4	No, the creek is not frozen.	**CORRECT**	A comma correctly follows no.
5	Yes we painted the sign.	**REVISE**	A comma is needed after yes.
6	That book was exciting wasn't it?	**REVISE**	A comma is needed before the tag question, wasn't it?
7	Omar, stack the trays carefully.	**CORRECT**	A comma correctly sets off Omar, who is being addressed.
8	No, I did not hear the bell.	**CORRECT**	A comma correctly follows no.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT**: We won the game, didn't we?
- **REVISE**: Aisha turn off the fan.

Challenge: Yes, Priya, I saved you a seat.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.