# Comma Choice Sort

Sort, prove, and create comma sentences.

**3.L.GC.1.36** "Mechanics: Use commas to indicate direct address and to set off the words yes and no. (Introduce)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

| COMMA IS CORRECT | NEEDS A FIX |
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| The commas correctly show who is being spoken to or set off yes or no at the start.<br>Tara, your violin sounds lovely. | A comma is missing or is not correctly placed around a person being spoken to or yes or no.<br>Evan could you pass the paint? |

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each sentence, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

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| **1.** | Yes, I found the blue shell. | CORRECT FIX |
| **2.** | Lena please close the gate. | CORRECT FIX |
| **3.** | No, we cannot stay late. | CORRECT FIX |
| **4.** | Can you help me, Omar? | CORRECT FIX |
| **5.** | Yes we can build a fort. | CORRECT FIX |
| **6.** | Dad, where is my red hat? | CORRECT FIX |
| **7.** | No I did not spill the juice. | CORRECT FIX |
| **8.** | Nora bring the map, please. | CORRECT FIX |

## 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 each category: one with commas used correctly and one that needs a comma fix.

**CORRECT**

**FIX**

**CHALLENGE**

Write one sentence that uses commas for both yes or no and the name of a person being spoken to.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 3 · 3.L.GC.1.36**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Yes, I found the blue shell. | **CORRECT** | A comma correctly follows yes at the beginning. |
| 2 | Lena please close the gate. | **FIX** | A comma is needed after Lena, the person being spoken to. |
| 3 | No, we cannot stay late. | **CORRECT** | A comma correctly follows no at the beginning. |
| 4 | Can you help me, Omar? | **CORRECT** | A comma correctly sets off Omar, the person being spoken to. |
| 5 | Yes we can build a fort. | **FIX** | A comma is needed after yes. |
| 6 | Dad, where is my red hat? | **CORRECT** | A comma correctly follows Dad, the person being spoken to. |
| 7 | No I did not spill the juice. | **FIX** | A comma is needed after no. |
| 8 | Nora bring the map, please. | **FIX** | A comma is needed after Nora, the person being spoken to. |

## 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**: Yes, I can carry the basket.
- **FIX**: Milo will you share the crayons?

**Challenge:** No, Priya, I did not feed the rabbit.

For Part 2, students should identify the correct or missing comma and tell whether it marks direct address or yes or no. Accept different correct sentences in Part 3 and the challenge.