Address the Comma

Find where an address needs a comma.

3.W.8.b.III "Using commas in locations and addresses, to mark direct speech, and for coordinating adjectives (e.g., a small, red bicycle)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMMA BELONGS

Put a comma between a city and its state.

Salem, Oregon

NO COMMA

Do not put a comma between a house number and a street name.

14 Maple Lane

1 SORT

8 items

Circle COMMA or NONE for each blank, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

1.	Tucson ___ Arizona	COMMA	NONE
2.	31 ___ Cedar Road	COMMA	NONE
3.	64 ___ Spruce Lane	COMMA	NONE
4.	Madison ___ Wisconsin	COMMA	NONE
5.	Albany ___ New York	COMMA	NONE
6.	27 ___ River Street	COMMA	NONE
7.	Fresno ___ California	COMMA	NONE
8.	Boulder ___ Colorado	COMMA	NONE

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new city-and-state pair with a comma and one new house-number-and-street pair without a comma.

COMMA _____

NONE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a full address with a house number, street, city, and state. Put commas after the street name and the city.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Tucson __ Arizona	**COMMA**	A comma separates the city from the state.
2	31 __ Cedar Road	**NONE**	No comma separates the house number from the street name.
3	64 __ Spruce Lane	**NONE**	No comma separates the house number from the street name.
4	Madison __ Wisconsin	**COMMA**	A comma separates the city from the state.
5	Albany __ New York	**COMMA**	A comma separates the city from the state.
6	27 __ River Street	**NONE**	No comma separates the house number from the street name.
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8	Boulder __ Colorado	**COMMA**	A comma separates the city from the state.

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)

- **COMMA**: Miami, Florida
- **NONE**: 52 Elm Avenue

Challenge: 82 Willow Drive, Austin, Texas

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a city and state or a house number and street name. In the challenge, expect a comma after the street name and another after the city.