Call and Comma

Sort sentences by how they mark direct address.

5.W.7.b.II "Using a comma for appositives, to set off the words yes and no, to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence, and to indicate direct address."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMMA RIGHT

A comma separates the name of the person you are speaking to from the rest of the sentence. A name in the middle needs a comma on each side.

Nora, polish your telescope.

COMMA MISSING

The sentence speaks to someone, but a comma needed beside that person's name is missing.

Please wait Felix.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle RIGHT or MISSING for each numbered sentence; for Part 2, choose two item numbers and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1.	Coach, the field is ready.	RIGHT MISSING
2.	Bring the banners, Luis.	RIGHT MISSING
3.	Mina can you check the lights?	RIGHT MISSING
4.	The guests are here, Dad.	RIGHT MISSING
5.	Sam hand out the programs.	RIGHT MISSING
6.	Can you start the music Ava?	RIGHT MISSING
7.	Ari, we saved you a seat.	RIGHT MISSING
8.	The show starts now Kim.	RIGHT MISSING

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 sentence with a correctly placed comma for direct address and one with a missing comma for direct address; label them RIGHT and MISSING.

RIGHT _____

MISSING _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that speaks to someone by name in the middle of the sentence, using both commas the name needs.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.W.7.b.II

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Coach, the field is ready.	**RIGHT**	The comma separates Coach, the person addressed, from the rest of the sentence.
2	Bring the banners, Luis.	**RIGHT**	The comma separates Luis, the person addressed, from the rest of the sentence.
3	Mina can you check the lights?	**MISSING**	A comma is needed after Mina, the person addressed.
4	The guests are here, Dad.	**RIGHT**	The comma separates Dad, the person addressed, from the rest of the sentence.
5	Sam hand out the programs.	**MISSING**	A comma is needed after Sam, the person addressed.
6	Can you start the music Ava?	**MISSING**	A comma is needed before Ava, the person addressed.
7	Ari, we saved you a seat.	**RIGHT**	The comma separates Ari, the person addressed, from the rest of the sentence.
8	The show starts now Kim.	**MISSING**	A comma is needed before Kim, the person addressed.

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)

- **RIGHT**: Harper, grab a paintbrush.
- **MISSING**: The bus leaves soon Leo.

Challenge: Will you, Talia, lead the dance?

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the person being spoken to and say whether a comma separates that name from the rest of the sentence. In the challenge response, check for a comma on each side of the name.