7.2 Grammar Journal

Comma Rules

Teacher Directions:

1. Copy page 2 and 3 (2 on 1 page)
2. Have students cut the middle line (all the way through) and then each of the lines going across (up to the tab line). Glue ONLY the tabs down in the journal (on the right side of the book)
3. Cut each sample out into its own little card.
4. Paste the matching sample underneath.
5. On the left side of your journal, write your own example for each rule. Have a peer place the rule # next to your sentence.

**Comma Rules**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| COMMA RULES | Rule #1: **Commas in a compound sentence** | Rule #2: **Commas with items in a series** |  |
| Rule #3: **commas between coordinating adjectives** | Rule #4: **commas with introductory words and phrases** |
| Rule #5: **commas with interrupters**  | Rule #6: **commas with appositives** |
| Rule #7: **Set off words yes and no** | Rule #8: **commas to indicate direct address** |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| The president, Barrack Obama, has dropped in ratings during his second term. | One day I hope to sail across Lake Michigan, bike around Lake Michigan, and hike across the Upper Peninsula.  |
| Mrs. Jenkins teaches math, but she can also teach Spanish. | The test, however, is over chapters 9 and 10. |
| Yes, I can empty the dishwasher. | Aaron, you need to stop interrupting the teacher. |
| The orange, fluffy cat chased the skinny, white cat out of the yard. | Jazmine, who lives next door, likes Calvin. |
| Before you quit, can you finish your work? | After a very long day, Matthew ate dinner. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| The president, Barrack Obama, has dropped in ratings during his second term.Rule #6 | One day I hope to sail across Lake Michigan, bike around Lake Michigan, and hike across the Upper Peninsula. Rule #2 |
| Mrs. Jenkins teaches math, but she can also teach Spanish.Rule #1 | The test, however, is over chapters 9 and 10.Rule #5 |
| Yes, I can empty the dishwasher.Rule #7 | Aaron, you need to stop interrupting the teacher.Rule #8 |
| The orange, fluffy cat chased the skinny, white cat out of the yard.Rule #3 | Jazmine, who lives next door, likes Calvin.Rule #6 |
| Before you quit, can you finish your work?Rule #4 | After a very long day, Matthew ate dinner.Rule #4 |