AP Literature/Composition

Punctuation as a Function of Grammar

Using Commas with Introductory Words, Prepositional, Participial, and Infinitive Phrases

Insert and highlight commas to separate items as needed. Below each sentence provide the reason(s) for the comma(s).

1. Yes we do expect to hear from her soon.

2. In the shade of a maple tree, a family spread a picnic cloth.

3. Marching next to each other in the parade we introduced ourselves and began to chat.

4. Patiently the children’s mother explained it to them again.

5. To choose the right gift I consulted the bridal registry.

6. In the middle of the race the lead car blew out a tire.

7. Unfortunately the car is out of the race.

8. To cover their expenses racing teams solicit sponsors.

9. Smiling politely the winner accepted the 1st place trophy.

10. Carefully observing the results the chemist repeated her experiment.