



Commas with Nonessential Elements: Exercise #2

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Are the essential and nonessential elements in the following sentences punctuated correctly? If they are correct, write a C on the line to the left. If they are incorrect, put an X on the line. Do you know why the punctuation is correct or incorrect?

- _____ 1. The woman who did not attend the meeting said that she had to study for her chemistry exam.
- _____ 2. He did not however intend to return the money he borrowed.
- _____ 3. West Point cadets, who break the honor code, are expelled.
- _____ 4. She was as a matter of fact chiefly interested in becoming a Hollywood celebrity.
- _____ 5. Raul's wife, Conchita, is president of the local Red Cross.
- _____ 6. The German writer, Hermann Hesse, is a favorite with American college students.
- _____ 7. The courthouse which was renovated recently was built in 1878.
- _____ 8. Saul having forgotten to save his work lost all of his revisions when his computer crashed.
- _____ 9. St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, wrote his handbook of spiritual exercises in the sixteenth century.
- _____ 10. The book, that your sister gave you for your birthday, won a National Book Award.

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