

### Individual or Small Group Activity

**Directions:** Take a minute to review the three sets of sentences below. In each set, two sentences are incorrect while two others are correct. Analyze the differences. Then, in your own words, try to explain the grammatical rules that are being followed in the correct sentences.

**Set One:**

**Incorrect:** Taking early morning classes on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays has been difficult.

**Incorrect:** Juan studied for hours reviewed the textbook chapters and earned a 98 on the final exam for Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics I.

**Correct:** Taking early morning classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays has been difficult.

**Correct:** Juan studied for hours, reviewed the textbook chapters, and earned a 98 on the final exam for Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics I.

Explain (in 1-2 sentences) at least one rule about commas that you learned from analyzing both the incorrect and correct versions of the sentences above:

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**Set Two:**

**Incorrect:** On Friday afternoon the first-year students visited a water treatment plant.

**Incorrect:** During the field trip to the water treatment plant Julian decided he wanted to be an environmental engineer.

**Correct:** On Friday afternoon, the first-year students visited a water treatment plant.

**Correct:** During the field trip to the water treatment plant, Julian decided that he wanted to be an environmental engineer.

Explain (in 1-2 sentences) at least one rule about commas that you learned from analyzing both the incorrect and correct versions of the sentences above:

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**Set Three:**

**Incorrect:** Civil engineers must write numerous reports so they typically learn to write well.

**Incorrect:** Nick handed in his report to his manager and then he gave a public presentation to the town board.

**Correct:** Civil engineers must write numerous reports, so they typically learn to write well.

**Correct:** Nick handed in his report to his manager, and then he gave a public presentation to the town board.

Explain (in 1-2 sentences) at least one rule about commas that you learned from analyzing both the incorrect and correct versions of the sentences above: