

Daydreaming - Comma Practice

Answer Key with Explanations:

- Sentence:** *Daydreaming is often seen as a simple escape from reality but it has its benefits.*

Correction: Daydreaming is often seen as a simple escape from reality, but it has its benefits.

Explanation: A comma is needed before the conjunction "but" because it joins two independent clauses. The comma separates the clauses to clarify the meaning of the sentence.
- Sentence:** *Many people daydream when they are bored or when their mind drifts during tasks.*

Correction: No correction needed.

Explanation: This sentence does not require a comma because it follows the rule of no comma needed before "or" when it connects two dependent clauses.
- Sentence:** *While it may seem like a waste of time daydreaming has its benefits.*

Correction: While it may seem like a waste of time, daydreaming has its benefits.

Explanation: A comma is needed after the introductory clause "While it may seem like a waste of time" to separate it from the main clause. Introductory phrases or clauses are followed by commas.
- Sentence:** *Daydreaming can help individuals relax think creatively and even solve problems.*

Correction: Daydreaming can help individuals relax, think creatively, and even solve problems.

Explanation: Commas are needed to separate items in a list. "Relax," "think creatively," and "solve problems" are three items in a series, so commas are used to separate them.
- Sentence:** *Daydreaming can also be a way for people to cope with difficult emotions, by imagining scenarios or creating stories.*

Correction: No correction needed.

Explanation: The comma is correctly placed in the sentence because it separates the main idea from the explanatory phrase "by imagining scenarios or creating stories."
- Sentence:** *By imagining scenarios or creating stories in their minds they can process feelings of stress or frustration.*

Correction: By imagining scenarios or creating stories in their minds, they can process feelings of stress or frustration.

Explanation: A comma is needed after the introductory phrase "By imagining scenarios or creating stories in their minds." This is a standard rule for introductory elements.
- Sentence:** *However excessive daydreaming can also lead to distraction or avoidance of real-life responsibilities.*

Correction: However, excessive daydreaming can also lead to distraction or avoidance of real-life responsibilities.

Explanation: A comma is needed after "However" when it is used to begin a sentence. "However" is an introductory word and should be followed by a comma.
- Sentence:** *Like anything balance is key.*

Correction: Like anything, balance is key.

Explanation: A comma is needed after the introductory phrase "Like anything." This is because the phrase introduces the main clause of the sentence.
- Sentence:** *When used effectively daydreaming can be a valuable tool for personal growth and problem solving.*

Correction: When used effectively, daydreaming can be a valuable tool for personal growth and problem solving.

Explanation: A comma is needed after the introductory phrase "When used effectively." Again, introductory phrases are followed by a comma.

10. **Sentence:** *While daydreaming can help with creativity it can sometimes cause people to become distracted from important tasks.*

Correction: While daydreaming can help with creativity, it can sometimes cause people to become distracted from important tasks.

Explanation: A comma is needed before "it" to separate the dependent clause "While daydreaming can help with creativity" from the independent clause "it can sometimes cause people to become distracted from important tasks."