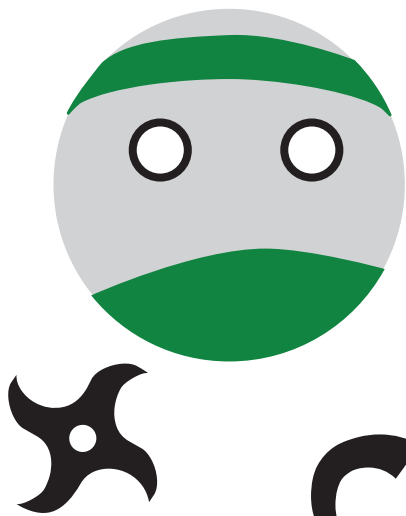
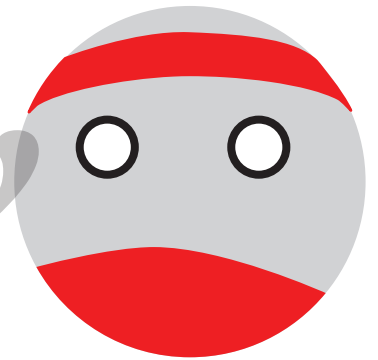


GRAMMAR NINJA















COPY COMMAS








CONTENTS

COMMA INSTRUCTION

-  In a Series
-  w/ Compound Sentences
-  w/ Introductory Information
-  w/ Appositives
-  w/ Direct Address
-  Between Adjectives
-  w/ Geography
-  w/ Dates
-  w/ Quotations & Dialogue
-  w/ Addresses
-  w/ Written Letters
-  w/ Numbers

ASSESSMENT

-  Student Content Mastery Tracker
-  Commas Pretest
-  Commas Final Review Practice
-  Commas Final Scantron Test
-  Commas Final Write-in Test



Name _____

Period _____

GRAMMAR NINJA

STUDENT CONTENT MASTERY TRACKER

PREVIEW

	# CORRECT	TOTAL	% RIGHT
Pre-test		36	
In a Series		25	
w/ Compound Sentences		10	
w/ Introductory Information		22	
w/ Appositives		31	
w/ Direct Address		14	
Between Adjectives		13	
w/ Geography		13	
w/ Dates		18	
w/ Quotations & Dialogue		10	
w/ Addresses		5	
w/ Written Letters		4	
w/ Numbers		17	
Final Review		66	
Final Test		22	



✦ GRAMMAR NINJA ✦

COMMAS: PRE-TEST

→ **Directions:** Insert the missing commas where they belong in the sentence.

1. When ninjas do division there are NO remainders.
2. As President Roosevelt once said “We have nothing to fear but fear itself and ninjas.”
3. Ninjas are not capable of hitting the infamous broad side of a barn.
4. Every time they try the barn explodes and the shockwave destroys the nearest town.
5. A ninja once went skydiving but he promised not to do it again. One Grand Canyon is enough.
6. The easiest way to find out a ninja’s age is to cut them in half and count the rings.
7. Staring at a ninja for prolonged periods of time can cause blisters blindness annoyance of the ninja and certain death.
8. A ninja once kicked a horse in the chin so its descendants are now known as “giraffes.”
9. The truth will set you free unless you are currently being held captive by a ninja.
10. If at first you don’t succeed you’re not a ninja.
11. “To be or not to be? That is the question” said the world-famous William Shakespeare. The answer is “Ninja.”
12. With the rising cost of petroleum ninjas have begun to worry about what to pour on the cereal.
13. Ninjas use night lights not because they are afraid of the dark but because the dark is afraid of ninjas.
14. Ninjas never wet their own comfortable red beds; instead the bed wets itself out of fear.
15. When you say “No one is perfect” ninjas take this as a personal insult.
16. Paper beats rock rock beats scissors and scissors beats paper but a ninja beats everything.
17. Julius Caesar is well-known for saying “Veni Vidi Ninja.” The translation reads “I came I saw and I got worked by a ninja.”
18. When ninjas play Monopoly it really does affect the world’s economy.
19. As an infant a ninja was given his first cute blue toy hammer so he proceeded to make Stonehenge.
20. Ninjas have been banned from competitive bull riding after a 1992 exhibition in Wundowie Western Australia where a ninja rode to Melbourne Australia and back to pick up his dry cleaning.



Name _____

Period _____

GRAMMAR NINJA

COMMAS IN A SERIES

PREVIEW

→ **Directions:** Insert the missing commas where they belong in the sentence.



NINJA SAYS: Use commas to separate three or more words, phrases, or clauses in a series (a.k.a. a list).



LIST OF NOUNS

1. Ninjas and samurai are not the same thing.
2. Ninjas use nunchucks ninja stars and awesome headbands.
3. Sometimes, ninjas are also called Shinobi Rappa Ukami or Onmitsu.
4. Japan Korea China and whatever country you live in are four places ninjas will get you.



LIST OF VERBS

5. He imagined a ninja in his mind saw a ninja appear and got scared when the ninja leapt at him.
6. Watch as the living shadow moves closer to the guards slips past them and listens at the gate.



LIST OF PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

7. Secretive ninjas can be found hiding in closets at the tops of trees or right behind you.
8. Ninjas were used as spies for various noble houses for the governments and for warlords.



LIST OF CLAUSES

9. You should purchase ninja radar because ninjas are sneaky most of your ears are not sharp enough to hear their quiet approach and you want to survive.
10. Histories of Japan say that the earliest ninja was a man named Otomono Sahito, whom some might call a spy master others might label an intelligence officer but few ever saw in real life.
11. As with any great martial art, dozens of myths and legends evolved about where the fighting styles came from how the ninjas got so good and how come so few people have ever uncovered their secrets.
12. Legends grew ninjas kept sneaking and people worried their little heads off.
13. There are thirteen questions in this exercise so that hopefully we will have fun practicing our commas and the unlucky number will keep the ninjas away.



GRAMMAR NINJA

COMMAS W/ COMPOUND SENTENCES

→ **Directions:** First, label the subject and verb. Then, insert the missing commas where they belong in the sentence.



NINJA SAYS: First, label all the subjects and verbs. Then, put a comma before a conjunction that separates two independent clauses in a compound sentence.

S+V ,FANBOYS S+V

FANBOYS = for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

1. Sarutobi Sasuke is one of the most famous ninjas but he might be fictional.
2. He was known for his crazy, monkey-like agility and quickness so people called him Sarutobi.
3. Sarutobi means “monkey jump” and the stories show him being raised by a band of monkeys.
4. He was orphaned as a young child yet the monkeys taught him to leap up among the trees.
5. Either Sarutobi Sasuke was a real ninja or he was a legendary folklore hero.
6. Not much is known about Sasuke’s past nor do scrolls talk about any of the other Sanada Ten Braves.
7. The Sanada Ten Braves rose to fame for they worked for the warlord Sanada Yukimura at the battles of Osaka Castle.
8. The battles happened during the Japanese civil war and the castle became famous for helping Japan unify as a country again.
9. Tokugawa attacked the castle and filled the outer moat so they could invade the castle easier.
10. The fighters in the castle were outnumbered two to one but they miraculously fought off Tokugawa’s 200,000-man army and protected the castle’s outer walls.

→ **Directions:** Now, let’s practice with paragraphs, which is a much more real life example of when you’re going to need to get all this comma stuff correct. Insert the missing commas where they belong.

Imagine the battles with all the regular soldiers outside the castle but the ninjas are sneaking around all secretive. The legends vary about how the ninja fought in the actual battles yet it is fun to think of them ninja-climbing the castle walls. They climb up the battlements and land next to the soldiers on the parapets. They’re chucking the Shuriken ninja stars so they can try to overthrow the enemy. The castle must have had a great defense system for it took a long time before the ninja were successful.

Eventually, Osaka Castle was overthrown and the Toyotomi clan perished. The new heir began to reconstruct Osaka Castle so he re-armed them with weapons and training. The walls were rebuilt by the various samurai clans yet forty years later, lightning struck the gunpowder warehouse and set the castle on fire. 200 years and many leaders would pass before someone would rebuild it again.



GRAMMAR NINJA

COMMAS W/ INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

→ **Directions:** First, label the subject and verb. Then, insert the missing commas where they belong in the sentence.



NINJA SAYS: When using introductory information at the beginning of the sentence, separate it with a comma.



ADVERBS

1. Naturally ninjas are born with very quiet footsteps.
2. Strangely enough it is hard for mothers to hear baby ninjas crying.
3. Furthermore fathers cannot even hear their ninja children picking on each other.

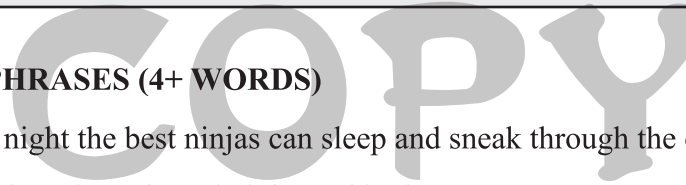


NINJA SAYS: If your sentence begins with a prepositional phrase of four or more words, separate it with a comma.



PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES (4+ WORDS)

4. In the middle of the night the best ninjas can sleep and sneak through the city at the same time.
5. Across the steep rooftops bare-footed ninjas softly tip-toe.
6. At the break of dawn a woman said that she saw three ninjas walking on the ceiling.



NINJA SAYS: If your sentence begins with a prepositional phrase of only two or three words, separate it with a comma if the meaning would be unclear without the comma.



PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES (2 or 3 WORDS)

7. In English the plural of ninja can be either unchanged as *ninja* or the regular English plural *ninjas*.
8. For your safety ninja sensors should be installed around your house, even though they probably won't do any good.



NINJA SAYS: If your sentence begins with a subordinate clause, separate it with a comma.



SUBORDINATE (DEPENDENT) CLAUSES

9. Because the ninja stories held rumors of invisibility, walking on water, and control over the natural elements western popular culture believed the legends and folklore.
10. Even with so many popular folktales told around the world historical accounts of the ninja are scarce.

