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# Using Commas and Semicolons

**The Birchbark House**  
Grammar: Spiral Review

**Commas (,)** and **semicolons (;)** are punctuation marks used within sentences. Commas set off words and phrases and items in a series. Semicolons separate items in a series that already contain commas.

**Commas:** Hugo, *Treasure Island* was the best book we've ever read, wasn't it?

**Semicolons:** We have read books about New York City, NY; San Francisco, CA; and Kansas City, MO.

## 1–8. Rewrite each sentence with the correct punctuation.

1. Maria would you be able to start the fire by sundown?
2. We have been best friends for three years three months and three days.
3. Since there's no party Andy will have come for no reason.
4. In our culture a baby is given a naming ceremony after it turns one.
5. She found out her great aunts were born on January 25 1932  
February 11 1934 and May 6 1940.
6. Yes the horses have been eating grass quietly all morning.
7. By evening everyone had gathered around the fire for storytelling and music.
8. Bring more wood please the fire is about to go out.