Lesson 28
READER'S NOTEBOOK

Commas with Introductory Wordsand Phrases

Fossils: A Peek Into the Past Grammar: Commas in Sentences

- An **introductory word,** such as *meanwhile, well, yes,* or *no,* that begins a sentence is usually followed by a comma.
- An **introductory phrase**, such as *a short while later*, is also usually followed by a comma.

Yes, I'll go with you.

Earlier today, he was not in the room.

Thinking Questions Is there a word or phrase that begins the sentence? Is there a

sentence? Is there a place in the sentence where I would naturally pause?

Write each sentence correctly, adding commas where they are needed.

- 1. Yes Dr. Winston will tell the story of his first fossil find.
- 2. Well the scientist thought he was extremely lucky to find the fossil.
- 3. After some time the museum hoped he would donate the fossil.
- 4. In the morning will you tell us about the new fossil exhibit?
- 5. No I have not seen the fossil of a dinosaur leg.

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