COMMAS:

1. Use a comma before a conjunction that joins independent clauses in a compound sentence.

Nurses used to be untrained but now they must finish special training.

1. Use a comma after every item in a series except the last one.

Nurses care for the sick injured and disabled.

1. Use a comma between adjectives of equal rank that modify the same noun.

Nurses are well-trained caring individuals.

1. Use a comma after an introductory clause, phrase or word.

After European nursing schools opened Americans opened similar schools.

1. Use commas to set off a word or phrase that interrupts the flow of thought in a sentence.

Helping sick people I believe is a very worthy profession.

1. Use commas to set off nouns of direct address.

Robert your mother and grandmother were both nurses.

1. Use commas when an appositive adds extra information.

One group the American Nurses’ Association admits only registered nurses.

1. Use commas between the day and year (use a comma after the year if the sentence continues).

The play will be performed October 7 2011 at the city auditorium.

1. Use a comma between the city or town and the state or country (use a comma after the state or country if the sentence continues).

Sugar Land Texas is the home of the Clements Rangers.

1. Use a comma after the greeting of a casual letter and after the closing of a casual or business letter.

Dear Aunt Peggy Sincerely