

Grammar Refresher #2

I know commas, apostrophes, and pronouns are very exciting, but we have even more exciting items coming next week. Before we move on to other things I thought having a refresher assignment for you to work on over the weekend would be a good idea. Take this seriously: I will be collecting it. This is due on Monday. Enjoy.

Pronouns!

Circle the pronouns in each of these sentences. There may be multiple instances of pronouns.

1. Jill and Scott got married on her daughter's birthday.
2. They went to Chicago to visit his parents and catch a Cubs game after the honeymoon.
3. Soon after, Jill got pregnant; she had their first child together last year.

Indicate the case which each pronoun takes on... (subject, object, possessive)

4. Dr. Vetere worked with Toni as adviser for her dissertation last spring.
5. While Toni was sick, William gave his approval to other student's panel proposals.
6. He picked up soy milk at the store.

Commas!

Combine these independent clauses using coordinating conjunctions in parentheses. You may have to add or subtract a word.

7. Dr. Estes was on sabbatical last year. She still taught a class online. (but)
8. Dr. Bluemel shunned the new professor who replaced her best friend. She did not speak to her at meetings. (nor)

Correct the use of commas in these sentences. Some of them may be correct already.

9. The English department uses adjuncts to teach composition rhetoric, and basic skills writing.
10. Dr. Vetere, a vibrant and energetic scholar and lecturer, is up for tenure this year.

Apostrophes!

Change each word or phrase in parentheses to its possessive form. You may, or may not, have to rewrite or add words to the sentence.

11. Gender Trouble is (Judith Butler) most famous work.
12. Butler recently wrote a piece for The Guardian about the walkout on the (University of California's) campuses in September.
13. Butler and (Eve Sedgwick) writing has been very influential on my thinking about gender and sexuality.