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Proofreading and Revision: Punctuating Clauses

Exercise

Many of the clauses in the following paragraphs are incorrectly punctuated. Add commas where they are needed, and cross out unnecessary commas. Write your corrections in the space above the lines. The first sentence is done as an example. Be sure to proofread also for errors in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. [10 points each correction]

When we lived on the farm we had two dogs, that were very fond of one another. Lady who was a collie irritated my parents by running away often. Willie, the other dog, was a fluffy-haired puppy with a twisted paw. Willie followed Lady everywhere. Whenever Lady ran away Willie disappeared, too. Once we hunted for both dogs for more than a week. Finally, my mother called the county pound in Yorkville which was thirty miles from our farm. Someone at the pound explained. That both dogs had been found roaming just outside Yorkville. Willie who could not walk easily because of her handicap had loyally trailed after Lady for thirty miles.

A woman, who worked at the pound, told us an even more touching story. A family saw Lady at the pound and took her to their farm which was six miles outside town. Lady seemed to be happy at her new home, yet she returned to the pound almost every day. She would stand outside Willie's cage with her nose pressed against the wire. Lady's new owners had to return her to the pound, for they couldn't afford to keep going back for her. After two weeks had passed. The dogs should have been put to sleep. Because of the two dogs' great friendship, the workers at the pound bent the rules. Although we couldn't believe the dogs had wandered so far from home the whole family was relieved and delighted to find them and bring them safely home again.