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Chapter 11 Practice Test: Commas
In the space provided, write C if the sentence is correctly punctuated. Write P if there is a comma error, and correct the error.

1. My mother the lady in the pink suit is the president of this club.
2. The Restoration poets who were most popular during the eighteenth century are famous for their wit and command of the English language.
3. You must understand young fellow that a child’s place is to be seen and not heard.
4. “You’re the thief” said the detective with astonishment.
5. She decided to shift the responsibility onto Harry an ambitious young man.
6. Phoenix a growing metropolis is developing pollution problems.
7. The city that has the largest population of senior citizens is Miami.
8. The tallest building in the world is now I believe the Sears Tower in Chicago.
9. The Empire State Building which held first honors in height for more than forty years is now in third place.
10. Mr. President the reporters are waiting.
11. “Let them wait” he replied.
12. Recitation although it is a required part of the course is a bore.
13. The pine tree overbearing and wild cast a gloom over the whole house.
14. The depressed teenager whispered “Life should be better.”
15. Mr. Wildermuth a tall and distinguished-looking man served as one of the ushers.
16. Parrots colorful and exotic birds are subject to import restrictions.
17. The price of gold moreover has fluctuated wildly in recent years.
18. Mental strength is a treasured possession in times of hardship and adversity.
19. Jogging is enjoyable and worthwhile.
20. Because today is such a beautiful day let’s get out the Frisbee.
Chapter 11 Practice Test: Commas and Semicolons

In the space provided, write C if the sentence is correctly punctuated, and correct other sentences with a comma or a semicolon. Each sentence has no more than one error.

1. The road was slick in fact, my car lost traction numerous times.
2. I tried to obtain a loan however, all my friends said they had no money.
3. They said they had no money because they had problems with cash flow.
4. I said that I had no cash to flow under any circumstances I needed a friend with funds.
5. Paul was a pilot but most of us were afraid to fly with him.
6. His aircraft was an old Cessna that sounded like a large lawn mower.
7. Once I traveled with him to Palm Springs, California; Phoenix, Arizona and Taos, New Mexico.
8. After we landed in a farmer’s field I returned home by bus.
9. The party started late and it ended just before sunrise.
10. If I had really understood the situation I would not have joined that club.
11. The late Steve Allen, who was a well-known actor, musician, and comedian, was active in show business but his main activity was writing books.
12. One of his popular books is The Talk Show Murders a novel in which Allen fictionalized some experiences of real-life talk-show hosts.
13. People of different backgrounds are killed on talk shows in front of live audiences, and the murderer is sought therefore, the book is classified as a detective novel.
14. The business implications of these wicked and shocking acts are tremendous however, no one can solve the crimes.
15. The talk-show industry is on the verge of collapse because future guests start canceling their appearances.
16. Elmo Finstetter is the first to perish he leaves behind a grieving agent, a legion of distraught fans, and a silver-gray Lamborghini.
17. He is very thirsty while being interviewed therefore, he takes a drink from a glass on the set.
18. That drink is his last as Toni Tennille, the host, looks at him in horror.
19. By the time a few others (from celebrities to members of the audience) die all show business feels at the mercy of this psychopath.
20. In the midst of the confusion, Roger Dale, super sleuth, has little evidence to work with however, he has millions of witnesses from the collective TV audience.
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3. P understand, young fellow,
4. P thief,”
5. P Harry,
6. P Phoenix, a growing metropolis,
7. C
8. P now, I believe,
9. P Building, . . . years,
10. P President,
11. P wait,”
12. P Recitation, . . . course,
13. P tree, overbearing and wild,
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15. P Wildermuth, . . . man,
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17. P gold, moreover,
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19. C
20. P day,

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2. loan;
3. C
4. circumstances;
5. pilot,
6. C
7. Arizona;
8. field,
9. late,
10. situation,
11. business;
12. Murders,
13. sought;
14. tremendous;
15. C
16. perish;
17. interviewed;
18. last,
19. die,
20. with