**Punctuation Quiz: Focus on Commas After Introductory Elements and Run-ons (answers)**

Recopy these two passages, correcting the punctuation errors you find. All of these errors relate to the first two functions of punctuation discussed in the Irvin Punctuation Guide <http://www.lirvin.net/WGuides/punct.htm>

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connecting complete thoughts/fixing run-on

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