

Take a Second, and Add a Comma

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5. Wait a second my mom doesn't want us to play in her room.
6. After dinner we could go outside.
7. You can borrow my pencil and I will give you back your eraser.
8. Jack likes apples so he will eat apple pie.
9. Don't forget she will need you to remind her about her homework assignment.
10. Jane has Snickers Twix and Skittles to choose from.



Directions: Edit the following paragraph for correct comma usage.

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