

**ZOO/BOT 4100 - Writing in the Biological Sciences**  
**Exercise 4 (5 points)**

**Punctuation**

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*Complete the exercises by finding and correcting punctuation errors.*

**Commas** —*add commas, or commas plus conjunctions, or replace commas with stronger punctuation marks where needed.*

1. Spot saw a fire hydrant he ran toward it eagerly.
2. After tomorrow I promise I'll be on time to class.
3. Beth however did not want to go to the party because she was tired.
4. Because so many permits have been denied to local bars the city council needs to reconsider its policies about parties.
5. I've really enjoyed my time in college I'll enjoy graduating even more.
6. Four of my favorite movies are *Mosquito Coast The Matrix Othello* and *The Mission*.
7. Jane ran after Spot, she told Dick later that the dog had a bladder problem.

**Semicolons and Colons**—*add semicolons or colons (and commas) where needed*

1. Only one thing needs to be done to complete the application you must send copies of your transcript to the school.
2. Men are from Mars women however are from Venus.
3. When you buy your ChiaPet you will receive the necessary seeds additionally you will get a pet rock for free if you order within the next ten days.
4. Several students haven't done as well as desired on their punctuation exercise I should offer them a make-up exercise.
5. There is one thing about Bob that keeps him successful in the company his strong work ethic.
6. We must let the following people know of our disappointment with the parking situation President Buchanan the *Branding Iron* and the Trans & Park Department.

**Apostrophes** —*add apostrophes where needed.*

1. It was Johns agreement to join our company that caused the fight.
2. All the employees personnel records were lost in the fire.
3. Two students said that Ms. Loffredas course was exceptional.

**Punctuation Review** —*determine where punctuation is needed in the following sentences and insert the appropriate punctuation mark(s).*

1. Three musicians Joe Brown, Katy Parsons, and Jeff Goodall will join Madonna's next tour.
2. Although my dogs are all different ages two, five, and eleven they have similar energy levels.
3. Size, color, and transmission these are our major concerns in buying a truck.
4. An additional chart see figure C on page 16 includes age, gender, and income.
5. She was as a matter of fact concerned about the testing of animals especially when it came to cosmetic products
6. After the handkerchief was lost Othello became concerned but he didn't ask about it until it was too late
7. Desdemona on the other hand asked about it immediately with desperate frightened intensity
8. Despite the high popularity of Britney Spears singing I felt Christina Aguileras performance was more deserving of the award
9. A small Seattle bookstore One Page at a Time has just been put out of business by the larger chains
10. Starting today the following three businesses will be interviewing job candidates Mingles Kmart and Safeway
11. Ross thinks getting married is a great pastime and Phoebe thinks that he gets married and divorced far too frequently
12. As a result of the new tax laws homeowners now must declare more expenditures for instance they must assess their annual spending on landscaping improvement