

EXERCISE 32/33-5 Unnecessary commas Before working this exercise, read sections 32 and 33 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

Each of the following sentences has one unnecessary comma. Delete the comma that is not needed.
Example:

Along with other bad news about Thorpe, newspaper stories reported, that he drank too much and that drinking caused his second marriage to go wrong.

1. After Jim Thorpe's death, his friends still worked to have his medals restored, and to get his name back on the list of Olympic winners.
2. Knowing that they would not be happy, until the AAU and the Olympic committees changed their minds, his friends made repeated appeals.
3. The AAU acted first, reversing itself some years later, (in 1973) by saying that Thorpe's titles should be restored.
4. The American Olympic Committee agreed two years later, but, it was not until 1982 that the International Olympic Committee voted to restore Jim's titles.
5. New, Olympic medals were presented to Thorpe's children in a 1983 ceremony in Los Angeles, California.
6. However, the International Olympic Committee, did not erase the names of the second-place finishers.
7. Even though Thorpe had beaten the other "winners," his friends had to accept the fact, that Jim would be listed only as a cochampion.
8. In the hearts of Jim's supporters remains the honest, firm conviction, that Jim should be listed as the sole winner.
9. They thought that the International Olympic Committee's reversing its position, restoring the titles, and awarding Thorpe's medals to his children, were not enough.
10. It is not likely that there will be any further action, such as, erasing the other winners' names.