

**EXERCISE 32/33-7 The comma and unnecessary commas: Guided review**

Edit the following paragraphs by adding commas where they are needed and removing commas where they are not needed. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in sections 32 and 33 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you.

Quarrels about one of America's greatest athletes, Jim Thorpe, continue. Even though the decision about his Olympic standing has been made, other quarrels about him remain. 32b

After Jim Thorpe died his wife had to choose a burial place. Everyone assumed he would be buried in his home state of Oklahoma, but, his wife made other arrangements. 32b  
Some people from Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, made her an offer. They said, that they wanted Jim buried in their town. Having his body there would make more tourists want to come to their small, Pennsylvania town. They talked of a burial place, a Jim Thorpe Museum and a hospital in his memory. They also offered to change the name of the town from Mauch Chunk to Jim Thorpe. 33h  
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Mrs. Thorpe, who wanted a memorial for Jim, agreed to these proposals, and gave Jim's body to the town. It is probable that at the core of her decision was the desire for Jim Thorpe to be remembered. After some negotiation, the agreement was concluded and the town is now on the map as "Jim Thorpe." 33a  
32a

Jim's wife, not his children, made the agreement. His children, seven sons and daughters, wanted his body buried in Oklahoma. They wanted the body to be given a traditional Indian burial. They wanted the town to give back their father's body. Jack Thorpe, one of the sons, said to a *Sports Illustrated* writer in 1982 "Dad's spirit is still roaming." In Jim Thorpe's family pride is still part of the Thorpe heritage. The family has not given up the struggle. Other people have also asked the townspeople to change their minds. 32h  
32b

Jim Thorpe lived a tough, honest, gifted, and controversial, life. Even if his records are someday broken, he will remain a legend of the American sports world. 33c