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Read each sentence. Put commas in the correct places in each sentence.

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2.   After the fire burned out I went inside the house.

3.   In English class we read *Old Man and the Sea Dracula* and *Beowulf*.

4.   I watched television took the dog for a walk and drove to the store to get milk.

10.   After hiking in the woods for three hours I sat down to have a drink of water.

11.   The big gray dog wouldn't stop barking last night.

12.   Jane I would like you to meet my mother and father.

13.   I need to go to the hardware store to get nails paint and light bulbs.

14.   If you liked *Harry Potter* you'll love *Lord of the Rings*.

15.   I've had enough of your silly wild and inappropriate behavior.

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