

## 7 Postmodification

### **Practice Run** *Put commas where they are needed.*

1. His oldest friend (,) Peter (,) was the last to know that they were getting married.
2. The task to sort out the whole mess fell to poor Mrs Money Penny , the personal assistant of the boss.
3. The people existing on a minimum wage have a really hard time when it comes to bringing up children.
4. The new professor for Applied Pressure , who arrived at the department yesterday , is a really interesting person.
5. Peter Green , the composer of Black Magic Woman , disappeared from the public scene for several years.
6. The thought that she might not love me is scary beyond belief.
7. His most deeply held belief , that the world is flat , is a source of amusement to most of his friends.
8. We never really understood the reason why she was so secretive about having a boyfriend.
9. His paper , handed in three days after the deadline , would have been a really good one.
10. Immigrants (,) who are a burden on the public purse (,) should be forced to go back to their countries. (the right-wing **with commas** vs. the politically milder interpretation **without**)
11. The Prime Minister of Italy, Silvio Berlusconi , is a former bar pianist , who played on cruise ships.
12. Former prime minister Tony Blair is seeking a more active role at the UN.
13. The belief that they alone can save the world is what keeps so many gamers , usually young and male , at their computers till very late.
14. Robert Plant , lead singer of legendary rock band Led Zeppelin , who sold out all large concert venues in the world , has no plans of going back on tour with his former mates.
15. Most of the party members , clamouring to make their voices heard , felt that the situation was getting to the point where the future of the party was at stake.
16. Cemetery Père Lachaise , where many famous French artists and writers are buried , is also the last resting place of Doors singer (,) Jim Morrison.
17. Students , in particular those who have to work for a living , are finding it hard to complete their courses on schedule of the new syllabus.
18. Increased taxes (,) which slow down economic growth (,) will always result in opposition from centre-right parties. (**with commas: all increased taxes slow economic growth...**)
19. Her most fervent wish , to go to America , became reality when she won the lottery.