

Commas with direct address

Ex:

(direct address)

Lee, are those sounds coming from you?

Are those sounds coming

(direct address)

from you, Lee?

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

A: Please read the first sentence.

B: *Lee, are those sounds coming from you?*

A: Why is there a comma after *Lee*?

B: Lee is someone's name, and you're talking to him, getting his attention.

A: That's right. What is that called?

B: A direct address.

A: Exactly. So why is there a comma?

B: We use commas after a direct address.

A: Great. Wait . . . always after? Look at the second sentence.

B: Oh well, the comma separates the sentence from the direct address, wherever it occurs.

A: That's the logic! Exactly.

