Practice with Commas

Directions: Put commas where they belong. A few of these sentences do not need commas.

1. We are having peas and carrots roast beef and cake for dinner.
2. Mr. Morton my English teacher says we have to learn how to use commas.
3. He says “Remember Bob use commas before and after you address someone directly.”
4. Kelly said “Did you do the homework Angie?”
5. The teachers at Ericson Academy work hard to teach the students.
6. Alex painted the fence white blue and green.
7. We waited at the bus stop on Central Park Avenue after school.
8. My mom who is a nurse cares for the sick injured and disabled.
9. One famous basketball player Michael Jordan won five MVP awards.
10. “Don’t go there” said Formica.
11. Robert Louis Stevenson was a Scottish writer of novels poems and essays.
12. Now Mr. Bond we will saw you in half.
13. Tequita said “Shut up talking to me Renisha.”
14. Chicago the largest city in the Midwest is the home of the skyscraper blues and deep-dish pizza.
15. No Jackie I don’t want to go with Mark.
16. Alice said “But they keep picking on me Rudy.”
17. Emilio my next-door neighbor has two daughters a son and a puppy.
18. That Tuesday which also happens to be my birthday is the only day we can take the test.
19. Fred who often cheats on his homework is really only harming himself.
20. Brett Favre the quarter back for the team is having a bad week.

Part Two: On the back of this sheet write three sentences for each of the following tasks:

1. Use commas to set of an interruption in the flow of the sentence.
2. Use commas before and/or after directly addressing someone.
3. Use commas to separate three or more items in a series.
4. Use commas before or after a quotation.