

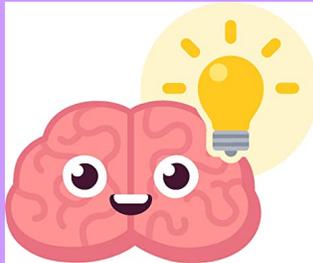
# Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

## Year 2 English Lesson



## Learning Objective:

To use commas in a list.



## Prior Knowledge

Prior learning of this objective has taken place in Y2.

# Warm Up Activity





# Using Commas in Lists

Warm-Up



# What is a comma?

A comma looks like this



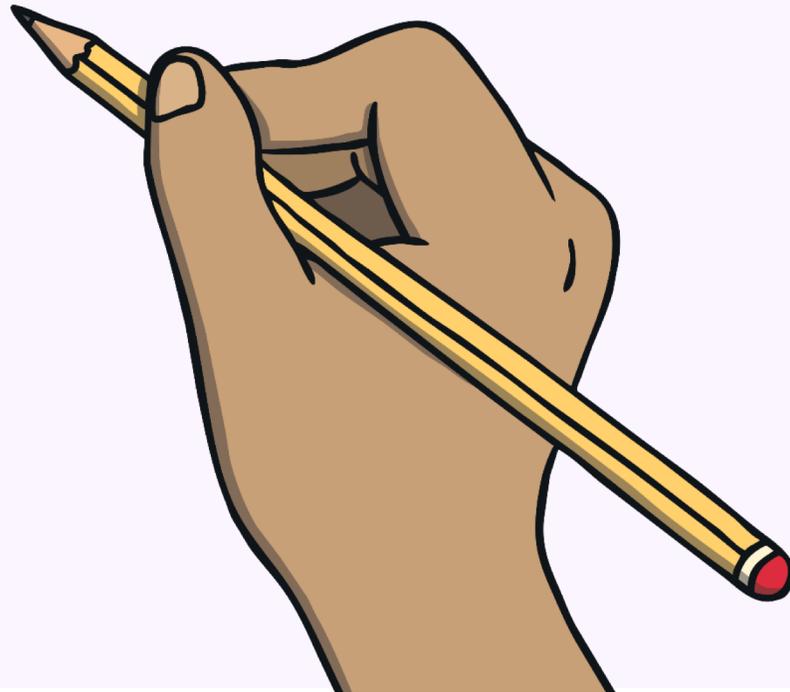
It is a type of punctuation mark that tells us to take a short pause when we are reading.

The pause is not as long as with a full stop.

# Using Commas

A comma can be used to change the meaning of a sentence or to separate items in a list.

Today we will look at how commas are used to separate items in a list.



# Commas in Lists

Look at this sentence:

**The fruit bowl has oranges and bananas and pears and kiwis and apples in it.**



**What is wrong with using 'and' between each item in the list?**

# Taking out 'and'

Let's take our fruit bowl sentence and remove 'and'. Has this improved it?

The fruit bowl has oranges and bananas ~~and~~ pears and kiwis ~~and~~ apples in it.



The fruit bowl has oranges bananas pears kiwis apples in it.

We do need one 'and' in the sentence. Where should it go?

# Using one 'and'

We need to put an 'and' between the last two items in our list:

**The fruit bowl has oranges bananas pears kiwis apples in it.**



**The fruit bowl has oranges bananas pears kiwis and apples in it.**

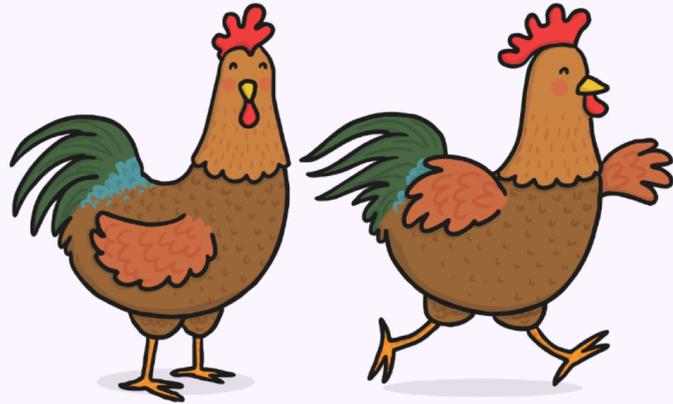
# Using Commas

We have now improved our sentence by only using one 'and'. Now we need to separate the other items in our list to avoid confusion. This is where commas come in handy!

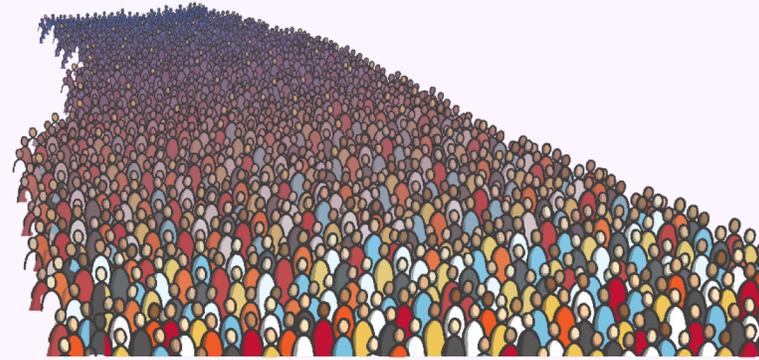
**The fruit bowl has oranges, bananas, pears, kiwis and apples in it.**

A comma is put between each item in the list, but the last two items always have 'and' between them and no comma.

Here are some other examples of how to use commas in a list.



**The cockerel's feathers were brown, green, orange and blue.**



**The road was busy, noisy and full of activity.**

# Things to Avoid

- Don't put a comma before the first item in your list:

**The party was, fun, loud and exciting.**



- Don't put a comma in a list of just two items:

**For tea we are having tea, and toast.**



Look at these shopping lists. Can you write a sentence using commas to list what each person is buying at the shops? Can you guess what kind of dish each of these people are making from what is on their list?

- bread
- butter
- jam

Ali is buying...

- bananas
- berries
- apple
- orange juice

Zara is buying...

- rice
- spices
- vegetables
- poppadoms

Hailey is buying...

- eggs
- flour
- butter
- sugar

Sadiq is buying...

# The Answers

Look at these shopping lists. Can you write a sentence using commas to list what each person is buying at the shops? Can you guess what kind of dish each of these people are making from what is on their list?

- bread
- butter
- jam

Ali is buying **bread, butter and jam.**  
**A jam sandwich.**

- bananas
- berries
- apple
- orange juice

Zara is buying **bananas, berries, apples and orange juice.**  
**A fruit salad.**

- rice
- spices
- vegetables
- poppadoms

Hailey is buying **rice, spices, vegetables and poppadoms.**  
**A curry.**

- eggs
- flour
- butter
- sugar

Sadiq is buying **eggs, flour, butter and sugar.**  
**A cake.**

Show answers

Can you write your own shopping list for a friend to turn into a sentence with commas?

Look inside these holiday suitcases. Can you write a sentence using commas to list what each of these people are taking on holiday?



Isabelle is taking...



Roshan is taking...



Sahil is taking...



Ada is taking...

# The Answers

Look inside these holiday suitcases. Can you write a sentence using commas to list what each of these people are taking on holiday?



Isabelle is taking a sun hat, sun cream and a swimming costume.  
**beach holiday**



Roshan is taking a scarf, socks and skis.  
**skiing holiday**



Sahil is taking a waterproof jacket, walking boots and a thermos.  
**walking holiday**



Ada is taking a lantern, a sleeping bag and a tent.  
**camping holiday**

Show answers

Can you guess what kind of holiday each of these people are going from what is in their suitcase?

Can you make these sentences less boring and easier to read by replacing the word 'and' with commas? Remember to leave the final 'and' in.

I have planted peas and tomatoes and carrots in my garden.

Under the sofa I found a toy and a sweet and twenty pence.

The boy was kind and helpful and gentle and lovely.

Winter can feel cold and dark and long and miserable.

I love to eat fruit because it is healthy and colourful and sweet and delicious.

The girl was strong and fearless and brave.

At break time they played catch and football and hide and seek.

## The Answers

Can you make these sentences less boring and easier to read by replacing the word 'and' with commas? Remember to leave the final 'and' in.

I have planted peas, tomatoes and carrots in my garden.

Under the sofa I found a toy, a sweet and twenty pence.

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Show answers

Can you write your own sentence with too many 'and's? Can a friend replace them with commas?

Can you describe each of these animals using a list of three adjectives?  
Don't forget to use a comma and the word 'and' so that your  
description makes sense.



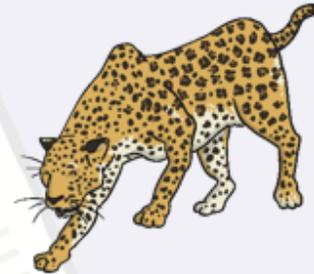
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The puppy is...



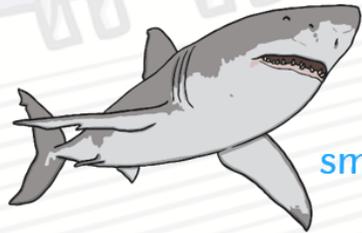
The guinea pig is...



The leopard is...

# The Answers

Oh no! Someone has not done a very good job of listing three adjectives to describe these animals! Can you correct their mistakes?!



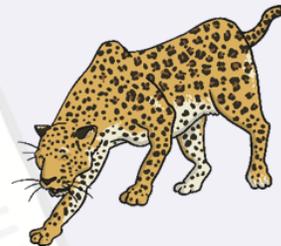
The shark is  
smooth and fierce,  
cunning.



The puppy is  
soft, silly, excited.



The guinea pig is  
fluffy and cute  
and small.



The leopard is  
spotty sneaky  
scary.

Show answers

Can you write a description of another animal by listing three adjectives but without saying its name? Can you swap with a friend and see if they can guess your animal?

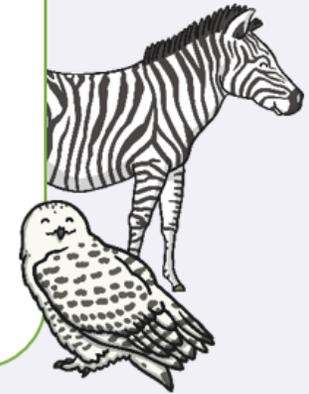
There are no commas in these lists. Can you add in the commas where they should be so that it makes sense?

Joshua George and Poppy went on a trip to the zoo. Joshua was excited to see the parrots toucans and flamingos. George wanted to see the penguins polar bears and seals. Poppy couldn't wait to see the lions tigers and zebras.

When they arrived at the zoo, they first went to see the birds. They saw peacocks cockatoos and hummingbirds, but no parrots toucans or flamingos!

Next they went to the polar area. They saw a snowy owl an arctic fox and a walrus, but no penguins polar bears or seals!

Finally they went to the jungle enclosure. They saw giraffes elephants and snakes, but no lions tigers or zebras!



# The Answers

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Joshua, George and Poppy went on a trip to the zoo. Joshua was excited to see the parrots, toucans and flamingos. George wanted to see the penguins, polar bears and seals. Poppy couldn't wait to see the lions, tigers and zebras.

When they arrived at the zoo, they first went to see the birds. They saw peacocks, cockatoos and hummingbirds but no parrots, toucans or flamingos.

Next they went to the polar area. They saw a snowy owl, an arctic fox and a walrus but no penguins, polar bears or seals.

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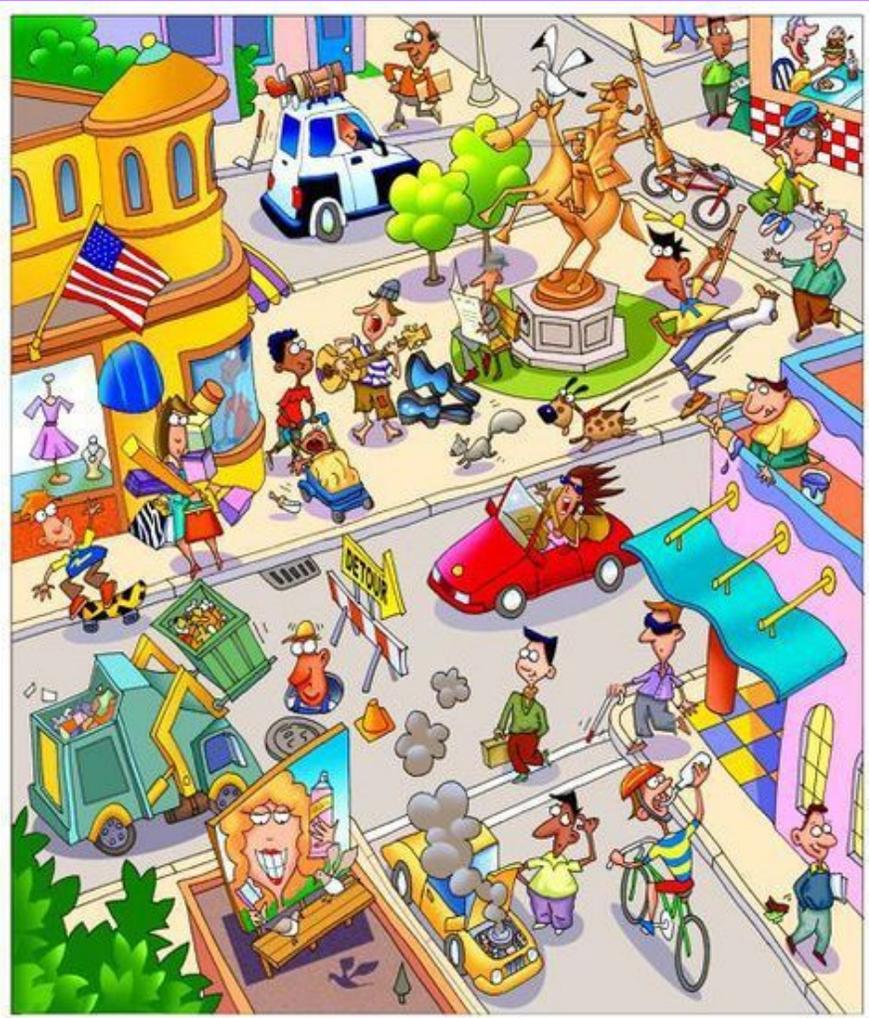


Can you write a sentence that lists **all** of the animals that Poppy, George and Joshua **did** see, using commas?

# Main Activity



Choose one of the following images that you can write sentences about using list commas.





Time to complete the activity



Please now complete the activity.

# Challenge



# Which sentences are correctly using list commas?

Using Commas in a List Task Cards

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- a) He missed numbers two, six and eight on his homework.
- b) He missed numbers two six and eight on his homework.
- c) He missed, numbers, two six, and eight on his homework.

Using Commas in a List Task Cards

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- a) Marc, ate popcorn ice-cream a hotdog and candy floss at the fair.
- b) Marc ate popcorn ice, cream a hotdog and candy, floss at the fair.
- c) Marc ate popcorn, ice-cream, a hotdog and candy floss at the fair.

Using Commas in a List Task Cards

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- a) My beach bag includes a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and a towel.
- b) My beach bag, includes a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a towel.
- c) My beach bag includes a hat sunscreen sunglasses and a towel.

Using Commas in a List Task Cards

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- a) Jasmine has a dog, a cat and a hamster.
- b) Jasmine has a dog, a cat, and a, hamster.
- c) Jasmine has a, dog a, cat and a hamster.