

Commas

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We use commas in two main ways:

1) Commas separate the items in a list.

Sometimes these items are real things.

E.g. *I must buy some eggs, milk, sugar and tea.*

Sometimes these items are things you do, or places you go.

E.g. *Yesterday I went to work, played tennis, went to the pub and then went to bed.*

Make sure you use **and** or **or** to separate the last two items in your list.

Don't use a comma before the word **and** or **or** at the end of your list.

Commas are not sticky; they do not stick two sentences together. If both parts of a sentence can stand alone as proper sentences then you need to put in a full-stop or a conjunction (joining word). E.g. *I like football and Margaret likes swimming.*

Do not use commas as full stops.

2) Commas mark out the less important part of a sentence.

This is a useful way to make your sentences more interesting by adding extra information.

E.g. *The train, which was crammed full of passengers, started its journey to Paris.*

This sentence is about the train going to Paris; it's not about the passengers. If we take that bit out, it still makes sense.

E.g. *The train started its journey to Paris.*

Extra information marked off by a comma could be just one word.

E.g. *However, it was going to be a very long trip.*



It could be several words.

E.g. *When the train stopped, some more passengers got on board.*

To check if you have put the commas in the right place, take the words out and see if it still makes sense. E.g. *Although it's cold, I'm going to the beach.*

I'm going to the beach.

Commas worksheet

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A) Complete these sentences. Add *and/or, commas* and *full stops*.



1. Deepak has cereal tea orange juice toast for breakfast
2. I go to work Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays
3. Wendy buys butter milk bread potatoes onions every week
4. I don't like spiders mice frogs
5. Mark likes climbing cycling reading
6. Dewsbury has shops bars cafes lots of pubs

B) Complete these sentences by adding commas.



Kate Lindley my teacher marked my work.

Although it was raining we went fishing.

The puppy which we got for Christmas is now a big dog.

Eventually I found the missing glove.

Jenny my best friend lives next door.

In the end I watched the X Factor.