

Homework

Commas

National Curriculum Objectives:

Year 5 English (5G5.6a) Using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Identify the function of one comma in a sentence. Sentences include items in a list, fronted adverbials, and commas clarifying ambiguity.

Expected Identify the function of commas in a sentence. Sentences include items in a list, fronted adverbials, and parenthesis. Commas only used for one purpose per question.

Greater Depth Identify the function of commas in a sentence. Sentences include items in a list, fronted adverbials, parenthesis and speech. Commas used for multiple purposes per question.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Add one comma to sentences to separate items in a list, for fronted adverbials and to clarify meaning.

Expected Add commas to sentences for parenthesis, speech and to clarify meaning. Commas used for one purpose per question.

Greater Depth Add commas to sentences to separate items in a list, for fronted adverbials, parenthesis, speech and to clarify meaning. Commas used for multiple purposes per question.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

Developing Explain which sentence uses a comma correctly to separate items in a list.

Expected Explain which sentence uses commas correctly for parenthesis.

Greater Depth Explain which sentence uses commas correctly. Commas used to separate items in a list, for fronted adverbials, parenthesis and speech. Commas used for more than one purpose per sentence.

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1. Tick to show whether the commas in the sentences below are used for clarifying ambiguity (A), lists (L) or after a fronted adverbial (FA).

	A	L	FA
A. Johnny, Ben and Cian went to the park on Saturday to play football.	☐	☐	☐
B. Although it was sunny outside, I decided to stay in and do some craft activities.	☐	☐	☐
C. "Hurry up and eat, Ben!" said Mum.	☐	☐	☐



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2. Add the missing commas into the sentences below.

- A. I had invited Hannah Alice Lucy and Isabel to my birthday party on Saturday afternoon.
- B. On Monday I am going to watch Manchester City play against Chelsea in a Premier League game.
- C. The room was full of playful toddlers and parents.



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3. Hafsa and Chuan are writing sentences using commas to separate items in list.



Hafsa

I need to take waterproof trousers, a waterproof jacket and a bottle of water on the school trip.



Chuan

I need to take, waterproof trousers, a waterproof jacket and a bottle of water on the school trip.

Who has used commas correctly? Explain why.



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4. Tick to show whether the commas in the sentences below are used for parenthesis (P), lists (L) or after a fronted adverbial (FA).

	P	L	FA
A. Although it was raining outside, the children grabbed their coats and headed towards to park to play football.	☐	☐	☐
B. My cousins, who emigrated to Australia five years ago, are coming over to visit for three weeks at Christmas.	☐	☐	☐
C. I had to make sure I had my waterproof coat, walking boots and rucksack ready for the school residential.	☐	☐	☐



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5. Add the missing commas into the sentences below.

- A. Maya asked "Why doesn't the sun shine at night?"
- B. Even though it was freezing cold food was all that was available from the kiosk at the station.
- C. My best friend Hannah who has recently moved to Spain has invited my family to stay at her new house, which has a pool, during the summer holidays.



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6. Steph and Sean are writing sentences using commas for parenthesis.



Steph

I needed a range of ingredients, some of which we didn't have at home, to make a smoothie.



Sean

I made, smoothies, that were strawberry flavour for breakfast this morning.

Who has used commas correctly? Explain why.



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7. Tick to show whether the commas in the sentences below are used for parenthesis (P), lists (L) or after a fronted adverbial (FA). You may need to tick more than one box.

	P	L	FA
A. Even though they were extremely tired, Isabel, Kelly and Lucy still stayed up late to have a midnight feast.	☐	☐	☐
B. My brother, who is really active and adventurous, loves mountain climbing, abseiling and rock climbing.	☐	☐	☐
C. Although it was raining outside, the children, who were very excited, grabbed their coats before going to the park.	☐	☐	☐



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8. Add the missing commas into the sentences below.

- A. As they reached the summit of Ben Nevis Ben Sinead Johnny and Lucy paused for a moment to take in the spectacular views before Johnny whispered "What a beautiful view."
- B. Although Mum had said no Josh who was the cheekiest of the three brothers sneaked into the kitchen and took a bar of chocolate cake and sweets when she wasn't looking.
- C. As they had woken up before their parents Jake Alice and Isabel were creeping downstairs to see what presents had been left under the Christmas tree when their youngest brother Milo shouted "He's been!"



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9. Josh and Lucy are writing sentences using commas.



Josh

Waking up earlier than usual, Gabriel, who had an important football tournament that afternoon, sat on the edge of his bed full of excitement, anticipation and nerves.



Lucy

Our class teacher Mr Morris explained, "You will need a ruler, a protractor, some tracing paper and a rubber."

Who has used commas correctly? Explain why.



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Developing

1. A) list; B) fronted adverbial; C) ambiguity
2. A) I had invited Hannah, Alice, Lucy and Isabel to my birthday party on Saturday afternoon.
B) On Monday, I am going to watch Manchester City play against Chelsea in a Premier League game.
C) The room was full of playful toddlers, and parents.
3. Hafsa has used commas correctly to separate items in a list as she has used commas between the items. Chuan used a comma between items but also to introduce the list.

Expected

4. A) fronted adverbial; B) parenthesis; C) list
5. A) Maya asked, "Why doesn't the sun shine at night?"
B) Even though it was freezing, cold food was all that was available from the kiosk at the station.
C) My best friend Hannah, who has recently moved to Spain, has invited my family to stay at her new house, which has a pool, during the summer holidays.
6. Steph has used commas correctly for parenthesis around the subordinate clause 'some of which we didn't have at home'. Sean has incorrectly used commas for parenthesis around the object in the main clause.

Greater Depth

7. A) fronted adverbial, list; B) parenthesis, list; C) fronted adverbial, parenthesis
8. A) As they reached the summit of Ben Nevis, Ben, Sinead, Johnny and Lucy paused for a moment to take in the spectacular views before Johnny whispered, "What a beautiful view."
B) Although Mum had said no, Josh, who was the cheekiest of the three brothers, sneaked into the kitchen and took a bar of chocolate, cake and sweets when she wasn't looking.
C) As they had woken up before their parents, Jake, Alice and Isabel were creeping downstairs to see what presents had been left under the Christmas tree when their youngest brother Milo shouted, "He's been!"
9. Josh is correct, he has used commas after a fronted adverbial, for parenthesis and to separate items in a list. Lucy has used commas correctly to separate items in a list but has not included commas for parenthesis in her sentence. Her sentence should be: Our class teacher, Mr Morris, explained that we would need a ruler, a protractor, some tracing paper and a rubber