

## Homework/Extension

### Step 2: Recognising Commas to Avoid Ambiguity

#### National Curriculum Objectives:

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

Terminology for pupils:

- (5G5.6a) ambiguity

#### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Identify the sentence that uses a comma for ambiguity. Uses single clause sentences with commas used for the same purpose within a sentence (e.g. commas in a list).

**Expected** Identify the sentence that uses a comma for ambiguity. Uses single and multi-clause sentences with more than one comma.

**Greater Depth** Identify the sentence that uses a comma for ambiguity. Uses multi-clause sentences which include additional parenthesis.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Rewrite the sentences using a comma to avoid ambiguity. Uses single clause sentences with commas used for the same purpose within a sentence (e.g. commas in a list).

**Expected** Rewrite the sentences using a comma to avoid ambiguity. Uses single and multi-clause sentences with more than one comma.

**Greater Depth** Rewrite the sentences using a comma to avoid ambiguity. Uses multi-clause sentences which include additional parenthesis.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

**Developing** Identify and explain if the statement about the sentence is correct. Uses single clause sentences with commas used for the same purpose within a sentence (e.g. commas in a list).

**Expected** Identify and explain if the statement about the sentence is correct. Uses single and multi-clause sentences with more than one comma.

**Greater Depth** Identify and explain if the statement about the sentence is correct. Uses multi-clause sentences which include additional parenthesis.

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1. Tick the sentence that uses a comma for ambiguity.

A. We went bowling, to the cinema and out for dinner on my birthday.

B. Please don't shout, Kim.

C. Last night, we had a games night at home.



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2. Rewrite the sentences below using a comma to avoid ambiguity.

A. Thank you for organising Helen.

B. I like singing games and swimming.

C. The lion's eating Dad!



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3. Frankie has been given the sentence below.

As they copied Louise, Sandra and Holly drew carefully.

He says,



Louise, Sandra and Holly are copying.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



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4. Tick the sentence that uses a comma for ambiguity.

A. When you were outside, thank you for helping, Max.

B. At the park, we had sandwiches, crisps and cakes for our picnic.

C. Janie's dad, who is a car mechanic, has his own business.



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5. Rewrite the sentences below using a comma to avoid ambiguity.

A. At Ju Jitsu, we were kicking Mum.

B. Last night, I suggested that Billy Bob and Jane could come over for tea.

C. I hope that the food at the party includes chocolate strawberries and cake because they are my favourite party foods.



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6. Isla has been given the sentence below.

No, exceptions can be made, if you are under the age of 10.

She says,



I am eight so no exceptions can be made.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



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7. Tick the sentence that uses a comma for ambiguity.

A. Late last night, Fred, who was afraid of the dark, was terrified by a crash outside, which turned out to be the bin falling over!

B. Penelope, a delightful young girl, visited her granny to deliver a homemade cherry pie, a fresh loaf of bread and some butter.

C. The strawberries, which are grown using the richest of fertilizer, taste delicious.



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8. Rewrite the sentences below using a comma to avoid ambiguity.

A. Yesterday, I asked my mum (very politely) if Jon Jo and I could go to the cinema.

B. When I was cycling home (like I normally do) from Hamish's house, I thought I saw a snake Mum.

C. Like her mum, Polly, Emma loves painting dogs and cooking so Emma often helps to make dinner.



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9. Lily has been given the sentence below.

To Ali, Carter, the oldest in the year group, seemed confident with his maths work as he never seemed to get any of his answers wrong.

She says,



Ali Carter is the oldest in the year group.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



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### Developing

1. **B**
2. **A. Thank you for organising, Helen.  
B. I like singing, games and swimming.  
C. The lion's eating, Dad!**
3. **Frankie is incorrect. Only Sandra and Holly are copying because the comma makes Louise part of the fronted adverbial.**

### Expected

4. **A**
5. **A. At Ju Jitsu, we were kicking, Mum.  
B. Last night, I suggested that Billy, Bob and Jane could come over for tea.  
C. I hope that the food at the party includes chocolate, strawberries and cake because they are my favourite party foods.**
6. **Isla is incorrect. Due to the comma after 'no', it is saying that exceptions can be made for under 10's.**

### Greater Depth

7. **C**
8. **A. Yesterday, I asked my mum (very politely) if Jon, Jo and I could go to the cinema.  
B. When I was cycling home (like I normally do) from Hamish's house, I thought I saw a snake, Mum.  
C. Like her mum, Polly, Emma loves painting, dogs and cooking so Emma often helps to make dinner.**
9. **Lily is incorrect. The comma after 'Ali' shows that Ali and Carter are two different people.**