

Using Commas

Look at the sentences and see whether the commas have been used correctly and identify where they should and should not be used. Can you identify why the commas have been used in each sentence?

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1a. True or false? Commas have been used correctly in the following sentence.

I went to the shop and bought bread, milk, cheese and eggs.



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1b. True or false? Commas have been used correctly in the following sentence.

Later that night Sarah, finished the homework she had started.



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2a. What is the function of the comma in the following sentence?

My grandma enjoys cooking, her dogs and dancing.



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2b. What is the function of the comma in the following sentence?

You will need to bring your sleeping bag, toiletries and a rain jacket on the camping trip.



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3a. Circle the unnecessary comma(s) in the following sentence.

Yasmin needs to borrow extra pencils, paper, and a ruler, for her homework.



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3b. Circle the unnecessary comma(s) in the following sentence.

Surprisingly, Jared had not practised at all before performing, the violin piece, in front of his class.



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4a. Rewrite the sentence below adding comma(s) to change the meaning.

We ate chocolate cake and strawberries for our tea.



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4b. Rewrite the sentence below adding comma(s) to change the meaning.

The old lady collected gold jewellery and old coins.



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5a. True or false? Commas have been used correctly in the following sentence.

“After school, we can play football”, said Amy.

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5b. True or false? Commas have been used correctly in the following sentence.

Before going outside, we applied our sunscreen, and insect, repellent.

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6a. What is the function of the commas in the following sentence?

Ryan went back to the house, a derelict manor on the outskirts of town, to look for more clues.

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6b. What is the function of the comma in the following sentence?

Janice exclaimed, “I can’t believe you planned this whole party by yourself!”

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7a. Circle the unnecessary comma(s) in the following sentence.

The child, who, was frightened, and alone, cried out for her mother.

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7b. Circle the unnecessary comma(s) in the following sentence.

My bike, and skateboard, which are blue, are both in the shed.

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8a. Rewrite the sentence below adding comma(s) to change the meaning.

He liked Sue who played the guitar better than Sam.

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8b. Rewrite the sentence below adding comma(s) to change the meaning.

“Stop teasing Ali,” said Mum as the cousins were playing in the garden.

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9a. True or false? Commas have been used correctly in the following sentence.

Suddenly the car a red Ferrari, sped recklessly around the race track.

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9b. True or false? Commas have been used correctly in the following sentence.

Popular circus attractions include trapeze artists, contortionists, and, controversially, elephants.

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10a. What is the function of the commas in the following sentence?

Before attending the ceremony, Frederik, Owen and Gregor picked up the certificates and medals.

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10b. What is the function of the commas in the following sentence?

Jorge shouted, "That bike, the red and white one, needs to go in the rack on the roof!"

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11a. Circle the unnecessary comma(s) in the following sentence.

In the end, the winners were Kendra, who is a student, from Year 4, and her best friend Billy.

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11b. Circle the unnecessary comma(s) in the following sentence.

As I was getting ready, for school, Mum shouted, "Have you got your books, lunch, and homework?" from downstairs.

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12a. Rewrite the sentence below adding comma(s) to change the meaning.

Before feeding the lions, Simon fed the elephants giraffes tigers and monkeys.

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12b. Rewrite the sentence below adding comma(s) to change the meaning.

After a long day shopping, Josie bought a hamster and some sweets, which she ate on the way home.

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