

Commas

The background features a collage of educational and writing-related elements. At the top, a silver pen is visible. On the right, a hand is shown writing on a piece of paper with a blue pen. The collage also includes several stars in orange, red, and yellow, and various lowercase letters (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z) scattered throughout, some in white and some in a light blue color.

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False. There should not be a comma after 'go'.

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The first sentence lists three of the writer's interests: drawing, horses and dancing. The second sentence suggests the writer has two interests: drawing horses and dancing.