

Commas

One use of commas is to separate items in a list. For example:

When I went to the supermarket I bought some oranges, a bunch of bananas, a melon, a cucumber and some strawberries.

Note: You don't need a comma after the final item on the list as 'and' takes the place of the comma.

Part A

1. Add the commas to the sentences below.

- a. My favourite colours are blue green and yellow.
- b. In her packed lunch Nadia had a sandwich a yoghurt an apple and a drink.
- c. When I went to the park I played on the swings the slides the roundabout and the climbing frame.
- d. I saw elephants giraffes zebras monkeys and a lion at the zoo.
- e. My favourite football team are top of the league, ahead of Arsenal Liverpool Chelsea and Spurs.
- f. I invited my best friends Joshua Jack Isaac and Oliver to my house for tea.

2. Look for examples of commas separating items in a list in today's chapter.

Commas Answers

Part A

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- b. *In her packed lunch Nadia had a sandwich, a yoghurt, an apple and a drink.*
- c. *When I went to the park I played on the swings, the slides, the roundabout and the climbing frame.*
- d. *I saw elephants, giraffes, zebras, monkeys and a lion at the zoo.*
- e. *My favourite football team are top of the league, ahead of Arsenal, Liverpool, Chelsea and Spurs.*
- f. *I invited my best friends Joshua, Jack, Isaac and Oliver to my house for tea.*

2. Look for examples of commas separating items in a list in today's chapter.

- *Example answer: On p.39 the author lists the ingredients George has used in his medicine.*

Part B

Can you rewrite this passage with the commas in the correct place?

- *In the morning I got up, had a shower, got dressed had my breakfast then brushed my teeth. I helped my mum make my packed lunch then we set off for school. When we got there I saw my friends Georgia, Ameera, Lucy and Emily. We waved goodbye to our mums then started our lessons. In the morning we had English followed by maths then assembly. At lunchtime I had sausage, chips and beans followed by melon, orange and grapes. In the afternoon we had art and music. When I got home I had to do my homework. I had lots! Reading, maths and spellings!*

Challenge Task

Write a list of ingredients for George's Marvellous Medicine. Remember to put the commas in the correct place.

- *Example answer: The ingredients include shampoo, toothpaste, shaving soap...*