

## Commas: Items in a Series

Commas are used to separate items in a list: hamburger, milk, cheese

The last item in a list is preceded by the word “and” or “or”. The comma before it is called the Oxford Comma and is technically optional: hamburger, milk, and cheese

We are going to include the Oxford comma: Please buy hamburger, milk, and cheese. Please get cheese, sandwich meat, or peanut butter for the sandwiches.

If the items themselves contain commas, a semi-colon ; is used instead to separate items: Atlanta, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; Detroit, Michigan; and Seattle, Washington.

Worksheet 1 / Items in a Series: Insert commas where needed:

1. When I camp, I am sure to bring my sleeping bag cooler music tent and food.
2. Please pick up a watermelon eggs milk cheese hamburger and buns on the way home.
3. The things I keep in my study area include paper my computer highlighters a pencil and a pen.
4. Some things I have available for my dog are his brush a food bowl a water bowl and a leash.
5. My car has lots of things in it: a garbage container an umbrella my parking pass and a phone holder.

Worksheet 2 / Items in a Series Insert commas where needed:

1. Remember to bring the cake the present and the games.
2. I need lipstick foundation eye shadow blush and a moisturizer.
3. His lunch has a ham sandwich chips a peach and a Coke in it.
4. My teacher’s desk has a lamp a computer her files some sticky notes and a stapler on it.
5. My mom’s purse has money credit cards makeup receipts and a pen in it.

Worksheet 3 / Items in a Series Insert semi-colons where needed:

1. Some places I want to visit are San Francisco, California Miami, Florida New Orleans, Louisiana and Chicago, Illinois.
2. The guest list includes Manderin, Mark Comento, Alan Ford, William and Chester, Sara.
3. Some places I've visited include London, England Paris France Edinburgh Scotland and Dublin Ireland.
4. When you pack, be sure to include a bag with toiletries a collection of puzzles and games outdoor clothing ski equipment and all your tickets.
5. I need a pound of sugar three pounds of flour three cups of milk and two cups of shortening.

Worksheet 4 / Items in a Series Insert a comma and/or semi-colon where needed:

1. For prom I have to buy a dress some fancy shoes a necklace earrings and an evening pocketbook.
2. He just got back from visiting Atlanta, Georgia Houston, Texas and Kansas City, Missouri.
3. The girls all have their uniforms cleats knee pads elbow pads and mouth guards.
4. Some of the people who are coming are Bob Clark Shanda Howes Shawn McAlister and Shelly Thacker.
5. The guest lists includes Redland, Anna Perry, Mike Shultz, Mark and Carry, Linda.

Worksheet 5 / Items in a Series Insert a comma and/or semi-colon where needed:

1. The cities on the list are St. Louis, Missouri Denver, Colorado Savannah, Georgia and Tampa, Florida.
2. The items I need you to pick up are buns hot dogs chips pop pickles and onions.
3. Don't forget to bring a blanket sunscreen a towel and your swimming suit!
4. The list of celebrities includes Cruise, Tom Hanks, Tom Bullock, Sarah and Kidman, Nicole.
5. Whenever you visit, please bring your own towel pillow and blanket.