

# Notes for the Teacher

This warm-up PowerPoint is intended to be used as revision for Key Stage 1 pupils.

The games and activities on these slides can be used one at a time as introductory activities or as lesson starters.

These activities are ideal for reinforcing previous learning - why not do one activity every day?



# Using Commas in Lists

Warm-Up

Look at these shopping lists. Can you write a sentence using commas to list what each person is buying at the shops? Can you guess what kind of dish each of these people are making from what is on their list?

- bread
- butter
- jam

**Ali is buying...**  
bread, butter and jam.  
**A jam sandwich.**

- bananas
- berries
- apple
- orange juice

**Zara is buying...**  
bananas, berries, apples and orange juice.  
**A fruit salad.**

- rice
- spices
- vegetables
- poppadoms

**Hailey is buying...**  
rice, spices, vegetables and poppadoms.  
**A curry.**

- eggs
- flour
- butter
- sugar

**Sadiq is buying...**  
eggs, flour, butter and sugar.  
**A cake.**

Show answers

Can you write your own shopping list for a friend to turn into a sentence with commas?



Look inside these holiday suitcases. Can you write a sentence using commas to list what each of these people are taking on holiday?



**Isabelle is taking...**  
a sun hat, sun  
cream and a  
swimming  
costume.  
**beach holiday**



**Roshan is taking..a**  
scarf, socks and  
skis.  
**skiing holiday**



**Sahil is taking..a**  
waterproof jacket,  
walking boots and  
a thermos.  
**walking holiday**



**Ada is taking..a**  
lantern, a sleeping  
bag and a tent.  
**camping holiday**

Show answers

Can you guess what kind of holiday each of these people are going from what is in their suitcase?

Can you make these sentences less boring and easier to read by replacing the word 'and' with commas? Remember to leave the final 'and' in.

I have planted peas ~~and~~ tomatoes ~~and~~ cress ~~and~~ in my garden.

Under the sofa I found a toy ~~and~~ a vest ~~and~~ a hat ~~and~~ a pair of shoes.

The boy was kind ~~and~~ helpful ~~and~~ intelligent ~~and~~ lovely.

Winter can feel cold ~~and~~ dull ~~and~~ long ~~and~~ miserable.

I love to eat fruit because it is healthy ~~and~~ colorful ~~and~~ sweet ~~and~~ delicious.

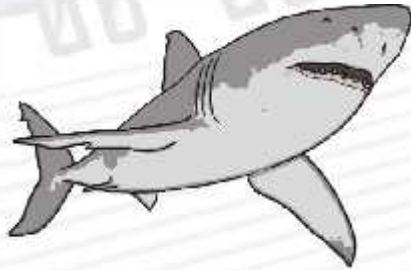
The girl was strong ~~and~~ fearless ~~and~~ brave.

At break time they played catch ~~and~~ football ~~and~~ hide-and-seek.

Show answers

Can you write your own sentence with too many 'and's? Can a friend replace them with commas?

Can you describe each of these animals using a list of three adjectives? Don't forget to use a comma and the word 'and' so that your description makes sense.



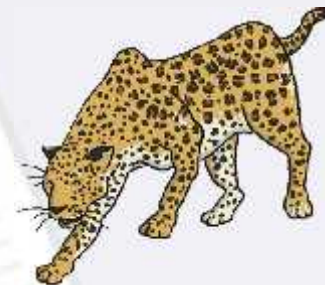
The shark is...



The puppy is...



The guinea pig is...

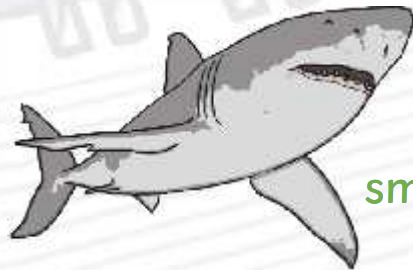


The leopard is...



Oh no! Someone has not done a very good job of listing three adjectives to describe these animals! Can you correct their mistakes?!

Did you spot all the mistakes?



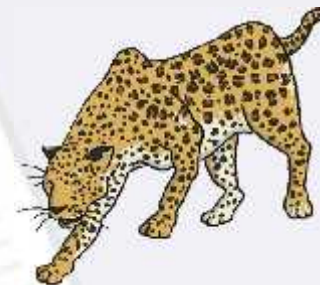
The shark is  
smooth, ~~fast~~ ~~clever~~ and  
cunning.



The puppy is  
~~soft~~, ~~silly~~ and  
excited.



The guinea pig is  
~~fluffy~~, ~~cute~~ and  
~~amiable~~.



The leopard is  
~~spotted~~, ~~snaky~~ and  
scary.

Show answers

Can you write a description of another animal by listing three adjectives but without saying its name? Can you swap with a friend and see if they can guess your animal?

Can you write a sentence in two minutes listing more than two things in this picture that you would like to buy? Remember to use commas.

start



Time's  
up!

I would like to buy...

**How many things did you manage to write in your list?**

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Can you write a sentence in two minutes listing more than two things in this picture that you would like to buy? Remember to use commas.

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Time's  
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I would like to buy...

**How many things did you manage to write in your list?**

Can you write a sentence in two minutes listing more than two things in this picture that you would like to buy? Remember to use commas.

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**How many things did you manage to write in your list?**



There are no commas in these lists. Can you add in the commas where they should be so that it makes sense?

Joshua, George and Poppy went on a trip to the zoo. Joshua was excited to see the parrots, toucans and flamingos. George wanted to see the penguins, polar bears and seals. Poppy couldn't wait to see the lions, tigers and zebras.

When they arrived at the zoo, they first went to see the birds. They saw peacocks, cockatoos and hummingbirds but no parrots, toucans or flamingos.

Next they went to the polar area. They saw a snowy owl, an arctic fox and a walrus but no penguins, polar bears or seals.

Finally they went to the jungle enclosure. They saw giraffes, elephants and snakes but no lions, tigers or zebras.

Show answers

They saw peacocks, cockatoos, hummingbirds, a snowy owl, an arctic fox, a walrus, giraffes, elephants and snakes.



