

## KS2 English Quiz - Commas 01 (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz takes an initial look at commas. Commas are punctuation marks. Commas work very hard. We use them for so many purposes in English that it's no surprise when people get confused about when they need a comma and when they don't. This quiz is for commas used in lists and commas used after sentence openers.

If you are not sure whether to add a comma in your writing, read the sentence aloud to see if you need to take a breath somewhere - this is usually where a comma is needed.

Have a go at this English quiz and see if you can answer every question correctly.

**1. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.**

**Mum asked me to remember the butter the cheese and the bread.**



- Mum, asked me to remember, the butter the cheese and the bread.
- Mum asked, me to remember the butter, the cheese, and the bread.
- Mum asked me to remember the butter, the cheese and the bread.
- Mum asked me to remember the butter, the cheese, and the bread.

**2. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.**

**We have two cats a dog and a guinea pig.**



- We have two cats, a dog and a guinea pig.
- We, have two cats a dog, and a guinea pig.
- We have two cats, a dog, and a guinea pig.
- We have two, cats, a, dog, and a guinea, pig.

**3. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.**

**She lost her bucket her spade and her towel on the way to the beach.**



- She, lost her, bucket, her spade and her towel on the way to the beach.
- She lost her bucket, her spade, and her towel, on the way to the beach.
- She lost her bucket her spade, and her towel on the way to the beach.
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**4. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.**

**My brother's favourite meal is sausages beans and mash.**



- My, brother's favourite meal is sausages, beans and mash.
- My brother's favourite meal is sausages, beans, and mash.
- My brother's, favourite meal, is sausages beans and mash.
- My brother's favourite meal is sausages, beans and mash.

5. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

I bought a new pencil rubber ruler and glue stick.



- I bought a new pencil, rubber, ruler, and glue stick.
- I bought a new pencil, rubber, ruler and glue stick.
- I bought, a new, pencil rubber, ruler and glue stick.
- I, bought a new pencil rubber ruler, and glue stick.

7. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

On Tuesday we are going to the museum to see the dinosaurs.



- On Tuesday we are going to the museum, to see the dinosaurs.
- On Tuesday, we are going to the museum to see the dinosaurs.
- On, Tuesday we are going to the museum to see the dinosaurs.
- On Tuesday we are going, to the museum, to see the dinosaurs.

6. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

You can choose swimming cricket or rounders.



- You can choose swimming, cricket or rounders.
- You, can choose, swimming cricket or rounders.
- You can choose swimming, cricket, or rounders.
- You, can, choose swimming cricket or rounders.

8. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

In the south-western United States there is very little rainfall.



- In the south-western United States there is very, little rainfall.
- In, the south-western, United States, there is very little rainfall.
- In the south-western, United States, there is very little rainfall.
- In the south-western United States, there is very little rainfall.

9. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

Between March and April five counties were issued with drought warnings.



- Between March and April, five counties were issued with drought warnings.
- Between March, and April, five counties were issued with drought warnings.
- Between March and April five counties, were issued with drought warnings.
- Between, March and April, five counties were issued with drought warnings.

10. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

By the age of seven she was already an impressive gymnast.



- By the age of seven she was, already an impressive gymnast.
- By the age of seven, she was already an impressive gymnast.
- By the age of seven she was already an impressive, gymnast.
- By the age, of seven, she was already an impressive gymnast.

## KS2 English Quiz - Commas 01 (Answers)

1. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

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In simple lists, a comma should separate each item except the two that are joined by 'and'.

3. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

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- She lost her bucket her spade, and her towel on the way to the beach.
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Many people don't know where to put commas, so play our two quizzes on commas until you feel confident.

2. Read each sentence and decide where the commas belong.

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Read the sentence aloud to help you.

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This is a simple list of three items and requires just one comma.

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This list has four items and takes two commas.

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Phrases which give a time, date, or place, such as 'On Tuesday', are followed by a comma (but the comma is not absolutely necessary if the phrase has three words or fewer!).

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In a list of options such as this one, the 'or' is preceded by a comma.

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Some sentences won't require a comma, but most do!

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Drought means a shortage of water.

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The comma splits the sentence in two, a phrase 'By the age of seven' followed by a clause 'she was already an impressive gymnast'.