

Week beginning 15th June 2020


## LO: To be able to use commas in lists.

-What is a comma?
It is a type of punctuation mark that tells us to take a short pause when we are reading.
The pause is not as long as with a full stop.

A comma sits on the line we are writing on and looks like this:


## Commas on keyboards




Android keyboard

iphone keyboard

ipad keyboard

## Using Commas

A comma can be used to change the meaning of a sentence or to separate items in a list.

Today we will look at how commas are used to separate items in a list.


## Look at this sentence:

This fruit bowl has oranges and bananas and pears and kiwis and apples in it.


What is wrong with using 'and' between each item in the list?

## Taking out 'and'

Let's take our fruit bowl sentence and remove 'and'. Has this improved it?
The fruit bowl has oranges and bananas and pears and kiwis and apples in it.


The fruit bowl has oranges bananas pears kiwis apples in it.
We do need one 'and' in the sentence. Where should it go?

## Using one 'and'

We need to put an 'and' between the last two items in our list:

The fruit bowl has oranges bananas pears kiwis apples in it.


The fruit bowl has oranges bananas pears kiwis and apples in it.


## Using Commas

We have now improved our sentence by only using one 'and'. Now we need to separate the other items in our list to avoid confusion. This is where we use commas.

The fruit bowl has oranges, bananas, pears, kiwis and apples in it.


A comma is put between each item in the list, but the last two items always have 'and' between them and no comma.

## Let's have a try ...

- For each slide I show you write the sentence out on paper, or type it into a private chat message to me
- Don't forget to put in the commas and the word 'and'.



## I have planted peas tomatoes carrots in my garden.

## Under the sofa I found a toy a sweet twenty pence.



The boys in Mrs Shaddock's English group are kind helpful gentle lovely.


## Winter can feel cold dark long miserable.



## At break time they played catch football hide and seek.



## Homework Task

- Write a sentence for each of the pictures below. You need to include a list of at least 3 words or phrases commas and the word 'and' between the last 2 items in your list.

- Send your completed work as a word document or a photograph to Mrs Shaddock:


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End of Lesson

- Have a good week everyone. I will look forward to seeing your work and seeing all of you again next Thursday for
another English Lesson.

Goodbye!

