

## Commas

Commas are used to show short pauses in writing. They are used in various ways.

### Separating nouns (in a list)

At the show they saw Porsches, Ferraris, BMW's, Audis, Bentleys and Cobras.

### Separating adjectives and adverbs (in a list)

Caroline was a tall, bright, talented, industrious girl.

The announcer spoke loudly, clearly and intelligently during the contest.

### After introductory words

In fact, he had no way of knowing the answer.

Look, it is not very clear to me.

In addition, she won the two hundred metre race.

### Separating different parts of speech (interjections and phrases)

His younger sister, Emily, had completed Year 7.

Sharni, leave that alone.

I went to meet Brian, the new boy, by the shed.

### Separating parts of long sentences (with conjunctions)

At the beach we played on the sand for some time, and at the river we went para-sailing.

### Placement of identifiers:

1. She said, "Let's win this game."
2. "Let's win this game," she said.
3. "Come on boys," she said, "Let's win this game."

## 1. Put commas in the following sentences.

- a Many of the young frisky ponies galloped across the paddock.
- b Pelicans ducks and swans were on the lake.
- c The cold damp room was very gloomy.
- d Nancy Annie Loma and May went to Cairns.
- e A wise old brown owl was sitting in the tree.
- f Strange ghostly mysterious shapes were seen.
- g Speedboats cruisers kayaks and yachts were out on the river.
- h Ponies quarter-horses appaloosas and Australian stock horses were at the show.
- i Of course the rider came to no harm.
- j Last year the students played football on the newly built oval and enjoyed swimming in the new Olympic pool.
- k My big brother Mat lives in Singapore.
- l 'Excuse me can you tell me where the shopping centre is?'
- m Did you know that Ms Jenkins the Year 4 teacher is away today.

## 2. Rewrite the following sentences adding capitals, full stops and commas.

- a i'm afraid of the dark
- b i don't like bugs mice and rats
- c the duck was small wet cold and hungry
- d there i was alone scared and hungry
- e she saw a beautiful craggy old tree
- f mr hines the principal said we could go

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