

Vocabulary, Punctuation & Grammar Lesson: Week 7

Learning to

- Revise basic word classes
- use commas

Remember to:

- Use your previous knowledge
- Use resources around you
- Use correct punctuation



Starter Activity

Vocabulary Ninja SPaG Spotter

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the object	The rain fell into the lake.
a pronoun	Every now and then I love visiting France.
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What do you need
to get better at
recognising?



What is a capital letter?

When to Use a Capital Letter

A B C

Names of people and pets



Names of Places



At the Beginning of a Sentence

We went on a trip to the supermarket.



Titles

The Jolly Frog



Days of the Week

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday



Months of the Year

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

The Word 'I'



Please can I have an apple?

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Names of Religious Festivals

Christmas

Diwali



What is a full stop?



Full stops are used to end a sentence.

My name is
Ahmed.



Full Stops



Full stops are used when an abbreviation does not include the last letters of the full word.

'Sunday'
becomes 'Sun.'



Full stops are used for abbreviations.

e.g.

Full stops are used in email addresses.

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Full stops are used in Internet addresses.

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What is a question mark?



Question Marks



Question marks are used when a direct question is asked.

What is
inside?



Why?



Which door?



Who are you?



What time
is it?



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What is an exclamation mark?



Exclamation Marks



Exclamation marks are used to indicate strong feelings or a raised voice in speech:



"Go away!" she shouted at him.



"Help!"



Good heavens!
he said.
"Is that true?"



"What a fantastic house you have!" he exclaimed.



"Be quiet!"



"What a fantastic house you have!" he exclaimed.

Exclamation marks are also used at the end of exclamation sentences, which start with 'what' or 'who' and contain a verb.



Avoid using exclamation marks too much or they will lose their impact.

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What are inverted commas?



Inverted Commas



Inverted commas are used around the words in direct speech.

"Hello there!"
Suzy called.



Inverted commas can show that words are being quoted.



Inverted commas show that a word is being used ironically or oddly.

James regarded the so-called 'historian' with suspicion.



Inverted commas can be used when referring to a film or book.

The film adaptation of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' is considered a modern classic.



What are apostrophes?



Apostrophes



Apostrophes are used to show possession.

This is Amy's car.



Robert's shoes are dirty.



The cats' whiskers are long.



The children's toys are in the box.



Apostrophes are used when letters are missing.

I am - I'm
you are - you're
they will - they'll

does not - doesn't
could have - could've
who is - who's

do not - don't
he will - he'll
she will - she'll

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What are semi-colons?

Semi-colons

Semi-colons are used to separate two main clauses that are closely related to each other but could stand on their own as sentences.



I have a big test tomorrow;
I can't go out tonight.



I've just had a big meal;
however, I am hungry again!



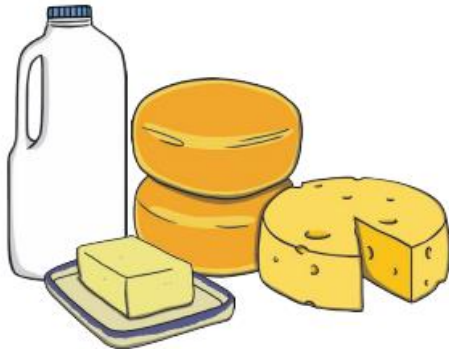
What are colons?

Colons

Colons are used at the end of a clause to show an answer, elaboration or explanation follows.



I would like the following:
milk, cheese and butter.



I have two hobbies:
reading and running.



What are dashes?

Dashes

Dashes create a break in the sentence.
They are usually used in informal writing.

Shows a sharp break between two main clauses.

The film was very informative – I learned a great deal.



Marks out extra information embedded in the sentence.

Playing in Grandma's garden – which is huge – is always good fun.



One thing's for sure – he
doesn't want to go!

A toad's skin is dry and
bumpy – not like the frog's
smooth, wet skin!



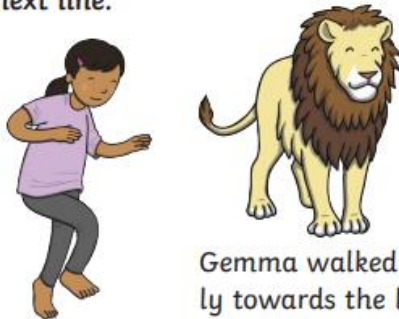
What are hyphens?

Hyphens

Hyphens link words or parts of words. They are different from a dash because you do not leave a space between a hyphen and the words in the sentence. Hyphens are half as long as dashes.



Used to show that a word continues on the next line.



Gemma walked slowly towards the lion.

Used to link separate words into one new word.



Mother-in-law

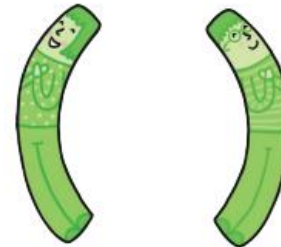
What are parentheses?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AseBaZWID7w>

Parentheses/Brackets

Brackets are used to separate off information that isn't essential to the meaning of the rest of the sentence.

Mount Everest (8,828m) is the highest mountain in the world.



Robyn's hair (which was red) was the longest in the class.

What are Ellipsis?

Ellipsis



They can be used to show the trailing off of thoughts or to create suspense.

I know that I've seen
my keys somewhere...



If only she hadn't
opened the door...



"I decided to...
then I left."



Punctuation

Full Stop

This Punctuation mark is used to indicate the end of a sentence.



Brackets

Round brackets are mainly used to separate information that isn't essential to the sentence. If you remove the section in brackets the sentence will still make sense. This is called parenthesis.

Mount Everest (8,848m) is the highest mountain in the world.



Question mark

This punctuation mark is used to indicate that a question is being asked.

Have you seen the film?



Exclamation mark

The main use of the exclamation mark is to end an interjection or exclamation and indicate strong feelings.

Wow! Hello!



Inverted commas

Inverted commas are used to mark the beginning and end of direct speech.

"What time will he arrive?" Mary asked.



Semicolon

Semicolons are used to separate two main clauses that are closely related to each other, but could stand on their own as sentences.

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Apostrophe

Apostrophes have two main uses: showing possession and showing omission.

Possession - Here the apostrophe indicates that a thing or a person belongs to or relates to someone or something.

E.g. Ben's party.

Omission - Here the apostrophe is used to show that letters or numbers have been omitted.

I'm (short for I am)

He'll (short for he will)



Colon

Colons have two main uses:

- To separate two clauses where the second clause defines or explains the first.

E.g. It wasn't easy to begin with: I had to find the right house.

- To introduce a list.

At the shop, I need to buy a few items: carrots, chicken, potatoes and fruit juice.



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Capital Letters

Capital letters are used to show the start of a sentence.

"The day was bright and sunny"

Capital letters are also used to indicate **Proper nouns**.

Punctuation

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I would like some cake - on second thoughts, maybe not.



Ellipsis

An ellipsis is used to show an omission of a word or words from a text.

They visited...it was fun.

Once upon a time...and they lived happily ever after.

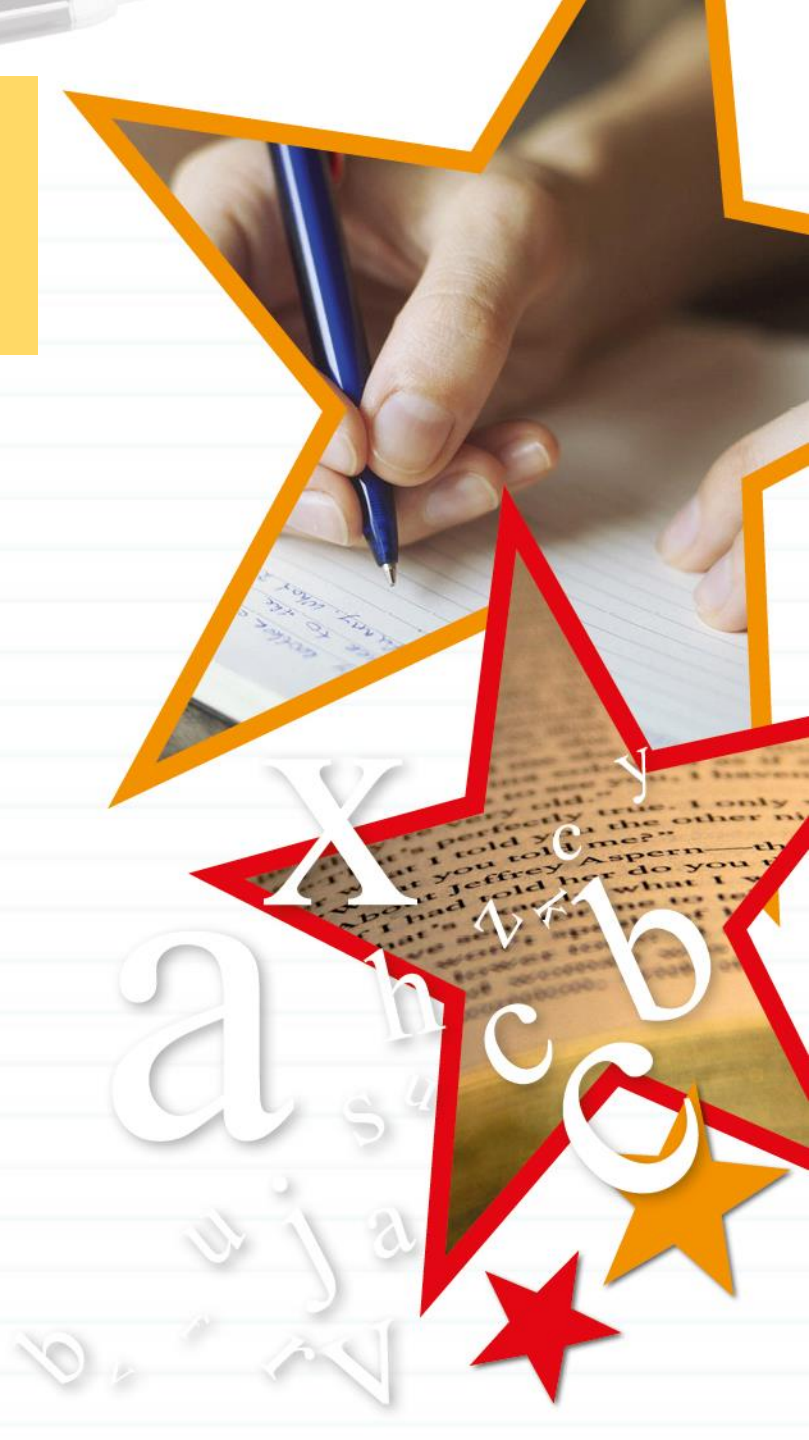
"I decided to...then I left."



Task:

Complete Activity

- Write a sub-heading of
Commas
- Find your activity and stick it in on the left hand side of the page. Write your answers of the right hand side of the same page
- Work as a team to answer questions on the board using your whiteboard & pen.
- As we work through the activities together, find the relevant question that looks similar to those on the board and complete this too.
- Mark your answers together
- Complete the Reasoning Questions.



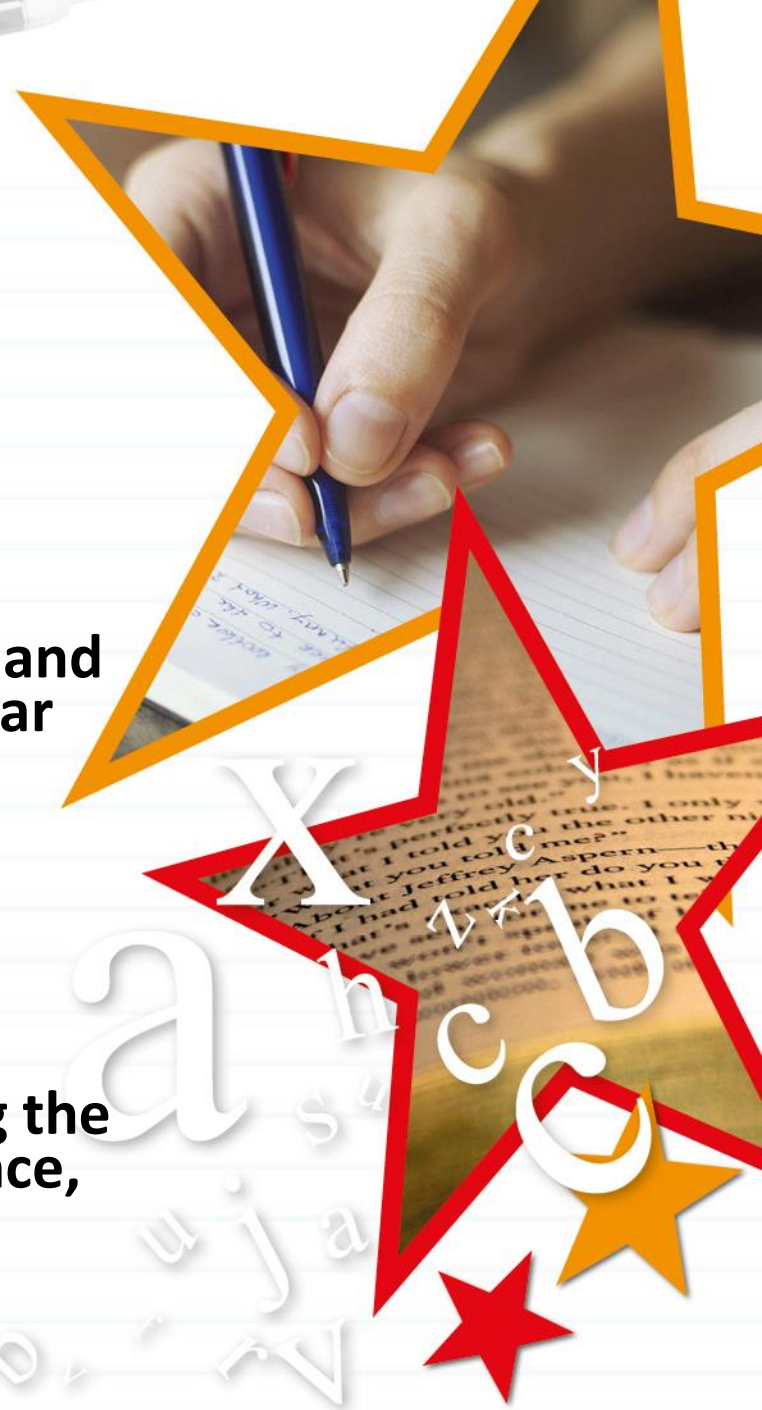
Learning to use commas

Remember to:

- Place a comma between items in a list
- Place a comma after a fronted adverbial
- Place a comma at the start of a relative clause before the relative pronoun
- Place a comma for parenthesis when adding extra information to a sentence
- Place a commas to avoid ambiguity

What are commas?

- Commas have many different jobs:
 - separating items in a list,
 - demarcating fronted adverbials,
 - placed around a relative clause
 - placed for parenthesis
 - clarifying meaning,
- They can also help to avoid ambiguity and make the meaning of the sentence clear
- *I enjoy running ballet classes and swimming*
- *I enjoy running, ballet classes and swimming.*
- In the first sentence, 'running ballet classes' can be interpreted as teaching the ballet class while in the second sentence, the comma makes running and ballet classes two separate activities.





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Using commas in a list

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From the grocery store, Mija needs apples, oranges, bread and milk. From the stationary store, she needs pens, pencils and a notepad.

Identify how a comma is used.

1. Mark an 'x' in the boxes to show whether the commas in the sentences below are used for parenthesis (P), lists (L) or after a fronted adverbial (FA).

A. Although it was raining outside, the children grabbed their coats and headed towards the park to play football.

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B. My cousins, who emigrated to Australia five years ago, are coming over to visit for three weeks at Christmas.

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C. I had to make sure I had my waterproof coat, walking boots and rucksack ready for the school residential.

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Where do you place commas here?

2. Add the missing commas into the sentences below.

A. Maya asked "Why doesn't the sun shine at night?"

B. Even though it was freezing cold food was all that was available from the kiosk at the station.

C. My best friend who has recently moved to Spain has invited my family to stay at her new house, which has a pool, during the summer holidays.

Varied Fluency 1

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False. There should not be a comma after 'go'.

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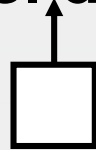
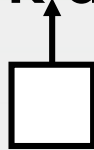
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Johnny is partially correct. There should also be a comma after 'book' to punctuate parenthesis.

Application 1

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Reasoning 2

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The first sentence lists three of the writer's interests: drawing, horses and dancing. The second sentence suggests the writer has two interests: drawing horses and dancing.

Greater Depth Task:

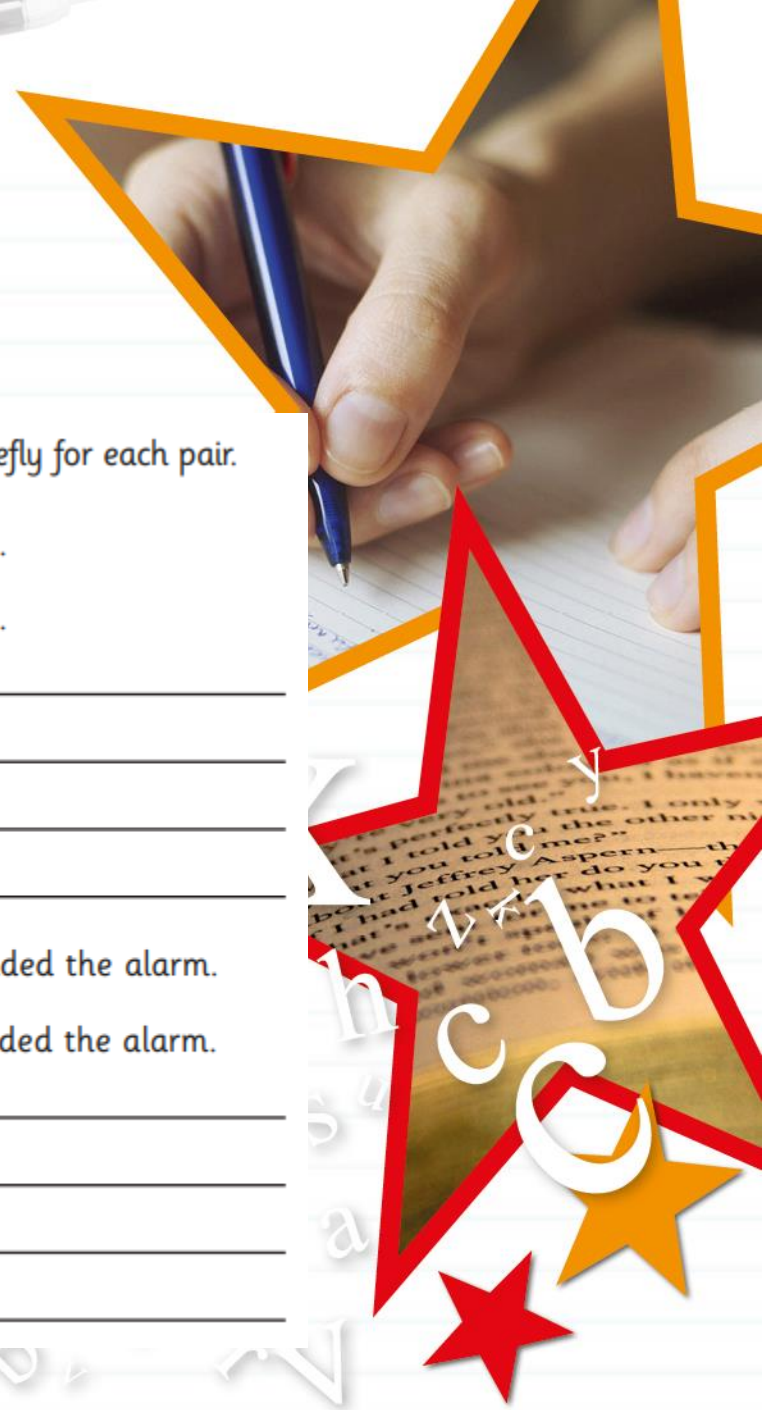
2. How do commas affect the meaning of these sentences? Explain briefly for each pair.

a) As the sun shone orange, people looked desperately for shade.

As the sun shone, orange people looked desperately for shade.

b) When he saw the pirate ship on the horizon, the captain sounded the alarm.

When he saw the pirate ship, on the horizon the captain sounded the alarm.



Spelling Practise



- Practise spelling recall for test tomorrow on your whiteboard.
- What should your word begin with?
- How many syllables does your word have?
- What makes your word memorable?
- Which part / words do you still need to practise?



Handwriting Practise

Turn to the back of your writing book.

Write the date along the red margin line neatly.

Stick in today's handwriting practise task.

Complete task carefully

Identify your best effort today by circling it...check it out.

