

Write lists using commas

A **comma** , is a punctuation mark. **Commas** help separate lists of things and make them easier to read.

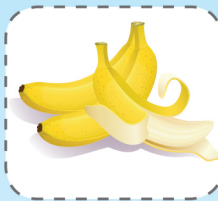
For example:

Without commas:

Linda bought apples bananas oranges peaches grapes and pears.

With commas:

Linda bought apples, bananas, oranges, peaches, grapes and pears.



We do not put a **comma** after grapes because 'and' separates them from pears.

- 1** Read the sentences and fill in the missing **commas**.
The first sentence has been done for you.

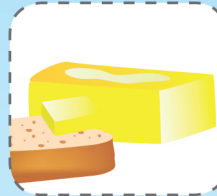
a At school Lerato likes reading, maths, music writing and art.	
b On Monday she reads adds sings writes and draws.	
c She needs a ruler a pencil a rubber and some crayons to do her work.	
d Lerato enjoys netball tennis soccer and swimming.	
e Jabu Susan Mia Mballi Noma and Amina will be at Lerato's birthday party on Saturday.	
f The party balloons will be yellow green dark blue pink purple orange red and light blue.	

A **comma** takes the place of extra words like **and**, to make a list which is easier to read.

For example:

*I need to buy a loaf of bread **and** 1kg of cheese **and** 500g of butter **and** 6 sausages.*

*I need to buy a loaf of bread, 1kg of cheese, 500g of butter **and** 6 sausages.*



- 2** Rewrite each of the sentences using a comma , instead of **and** (except the last **and**).

- a** Mbali saw zebra and giraffe and a lion and monkeys at the game reserve.



- b** I need a hammer and some nails and a saw and wood to fix the house.





Remind learners that there is no comma between the last two items in a list. It is unnecessary as **and** or **or** take the place of the comma.

Reading and Phonics

Writes a list using a comma to separate the items such as tasks for the day.

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