

Weekly SPaG activity:

After accessing the video links and input resources on the other document, have a go at completing the activities below. The answers are attached at the end of the document for you to check how you have done.



Application Activity

I can use commas to clarify the meaning of a sentence.



Alter the following so they include one comma in the correct place:

1. When the lightning was bright people were scared.
2. "Careful children!" shouted the teacher.
3. As the campers sat round the fire eating the bear hid in the bushes.
4. "Let's leave Samira!" he shouted.

Add a comma to one of the sentences to give them different meanings:

1. Hurry up and shoot Dad.
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2. The room was full of crying babies and mothers.
The room was full of crying babies and mothers.
3. Inside the dog was barking.
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1. Tick the sentences with meanings which could be changed with the addition of a comma.

a) She found a mouse trap and cheese all in the bucket as planned.

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b) David had said he didn't care.

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c) The weather was horrible all day so they stayed in.

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d) He asked for money and Lego for his birthday.

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e) Don't risk it Grandma.

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4 marks

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.

2 marks

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3. Add or remove commas to give these sentences the required meaning.

3 marks

a) Writing, clearly, isn't easy.

Can you add or remove commas in that sentence to make it mean that 'writing so everyone can understand isn't easy'?

b) Jess likes baking cats and doing ballet.

Can you add commas in the sentence so it shows that Jess has three hobbies.

c) Debbie's heroes are her parents, Spiderman, and Catwoman.

Can you add or remove commas so that the sentence suggests that Debbie's parents *are* Spiderman and Catwoman.

Correct the Sentence Punctuation

Write the correct sentence underneath by adding in capital letters, full stops and question marks.

1. my brother's dog is called tess

2. on sunday she went to the park

3. the titanic sank in 1912

4. toby and mark are going to spain in march

5. martha took her children to the zoo yesterday

6. when i go to the shop i will get some crisps

7. sameera and i are going to town on friday

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| | When I go to the shop, I will get some crisps. |
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2 How do commas affect the meaning of these sentences? Explain briefly for each pair.

2 marks

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

In the first sentence, the sun is orange. In the second sentence it is the people that are orange.

- b) When he saw the pirate ship on the horizon, the captain sounded the alarm.
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In the first sentence, the captain sees the pirate ship on the horizon. In the second sentence, the captain is on the horizon himself.

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