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3. "Hello" he whispered into the darkness. (1 missing comma)

4. He noticed his mum dad aunt and sister waiting patiently. (2 missing commas)

5. With a sudden burst of energy he began to dance. (1 missing comma)

Add commas to these sentences. Explain to your partner your placement of the commas.

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7. At lunchtime Wilf played football dodgeball hide and seek or tag.

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5. With a sudden burst of energy, he began to dance. (1 missing comma)

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6. Under the cupboard, I found an apple, twenty pence and lots of dust.

Explanation: This sentence has a comma after a fronted adverbial and a comma to separate items in a list.

7. At lunchtime, Wilf played football, dodgeball, hide and seek or tag.

Explanation: This sentence has a comma after a fronted adverbial and two commas to separate items in a list.

8. Visiting my aunt, the one in London, is one of my favourite things to do.

Explanation: This has two commas used to indicate parenthesis.