

SPAG Lesson

Year 3

Write your date and title in
your exercise book.

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Can I use commas in direct speech correctly?

Commas should be used:

5. To separate direct speech from the rest of a sentence

For example:

“It’s time to leave for school,” called Mum.

“Stop right there,” the man commanded.

“It’s time to go to bed,” said Dad.

Ben cried, “I didn’t do it!”

Amy called out, “I know the answer!”

The monster liked his lips, “I’m hungry!” he roared.



Look at where the comma is
in each sentence.

Which bit of the sentence is
said out loud?

Commas should be used:

A comma is not always needed in direct speech if another punctuation mark is used to separate the speech from the rest of the sentence.

For example:

“Give me the money!” he snarled.

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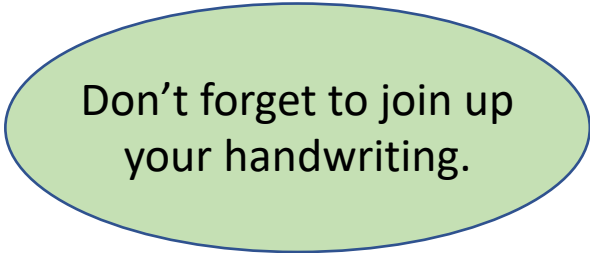
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Task: Correct the sentences below. Add commas where they are needed.

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2. "You're late " Sam's Mum moaned.
3. "I really like cake " smiled George.
4. "You're late " Sam's Mum commented.
5. "Don't make a sound " Adam whispered.
6. Ben cried "I've really hurt my knee!"
7. Amy called out "kick the ball over here!"
8. The monster growled "This is my cave!"

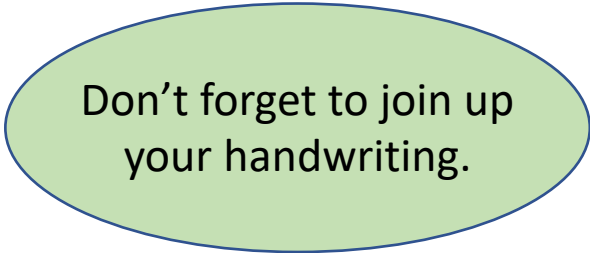


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Answers on the next slide – no peeking!

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If you have time...

Try a SPAG **game**.

Click on the link.



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

How Did You Do?

Now take a photo of your work and
post it on class dojo.

