

Punctuation

We have been learning how to use commas in lists.

Example:

We need some cola, crisps, sweets and orange juice for the Christmas party.

The comma is used when there are more than two items in a list. In the example above there are 4 items: cola, crisps, sweets and orange juice. The word *and* is used instead of a comma before the last item in the list. Here are some more examples, some with 3 items and some with 4 items.

I have a pencil, rubber and a ruler in my bag.

Look! It's John, Harry, Tina and Kate.

Cats, fish, dogs and rabbits are all common pets.

Activity:

These sentences have the commas missing. Have your child show you where they should go.

I have a brush, mirror and a hairband in my bag.

Look! It's Jack William Mike and Max.

Snakes, lions, elephants and cheetahs are all African animals.

Have your child write sentences with lists of 3 things in their bedroom, 4 things they want for Christmas and 3 foods they do not like.