

## Using Commas

Write out the following sentences, inserting all necessary commas.

- 1) For Christmas I had games toys jumpers trainers and a coat.
- 2) The building was surrounded by an overgrown track a rickety fence a few bare bushes and parched grass.
- 3) Inside the room were several dusty chairs a sofa two copies of the 'Sunday Mirror' a half-full ashtray a battered copy of 'The Hobbit' an old bicycle wheel and a pair of wellingtons.

- 4) There was little to do: my case was packed the flight booked the passports safely put away and my camera fully charged.



- 5) He was very wet rather cold somewhat upset and in need of a square meal.



- 6) The dog dashed back and forth sniffed the ground wagged his tail and bolted for the bushes.

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**Write out the following sentences. Underline the main clauses, and then add any necessary commas.**

- 1a) I will need a new coat before winter comes.
- 1b) Before the winter comes I will need a new coat.
- 2a) Lisa paid the driver when she got out of the taxi.
- 2b) When Lisa got out of the taxi she paid the driver.
- 3a) On the way to the park Will stopped for an ice-cream.
- 3b) Will stopped for an ice cream on the way to the park.
- 4a) Twenty yards from the hotel entrance the van exploded.
- 4b) The van exploded twenty yards from the hotel entrance.
- 5a) I'll meet you under the town clock next week.
- 5b) Next week I'll meet you under the town clock.
- 6a) Before lying down the dog scrunched up the rug.
- 6b) The dog scrunched up the rug before lying down.



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Write out the following sentences. In each sentence, underline the main clause and insert any necessary commas.

- 1) Manchester United with two goals from Rooney ran out as easy winners.
- 2) I was excited yet slightly nervous as the actor approached me.
- 3) Mrs Shelley stooping crookedly with age tottered into the room.

- 4) Daniel Wiggins the famous television chef will be at the exhibition.



- 5) My trainers a present from my dad looked really cool.



- 6) My uncle who claims to talk to animals chatted happily to the baby panda.

## Using Commas Assessment

**1) Insert three commas in the correct places in each of the sentences below. (9 marks)**

The actor strode onto the stage tripped fell forward cracked his head on the floor and was clearly out cold.

The detective noticed a pen two used glasses the victim's diary a torn strip of paper and a mobile phone on the coffee table by the body.

Peter his sister Jane his cousin Alfie and Stan the dog peered nervously into the cold dark building.

**2) Which of the sentences below uses commas correctly? Tick one. (1 mark)**

If you don't mind, I'll join you all in half an hour.

If you don't mind I'll join you, all in half an hour.

If you don't mind, I'll join you all, in half an hour.

If you don't, mind I'll join you all in half an hour.

**3) Now do the same for the sentences below. Tick one. (1 mark)**

On Thursday we are flying to Spain for, a holiday.

On Thursday we are flying, to Spain for a holiday.

On Thursday we are flying to Spain, for a holiday.

On Thursday, we are flying to Spain for a holiday.

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4) Put a tick in each row to show whether the main clause or the subordinate clause is in **bold**.

One has been done for you. (4 marks)

	Main Clause	Subordinate Clause
<b>My brother, who lives in Australia, is ten years older than me.</b>	✓	
The football match was abandoned <b>because of heavy rain.</b>		
<b>My bike, which I keep in the garage,</b> used to belong to my sister.		
When we got to the stadium, <b>it was already packed with spectators.</b>		
Seven people, <b>including one thirteen-year-old,</b> were arrested last night.		

5) Add one comma to each of the following sentences (5 marks)

Mum sent me to the supermarket to buy eggs, butter cheese and bacon.

Our parrot an African Grey called Frank, lives in a cage in the living room.

"If you say one more word I am likely to explode," said Mr Tranter.

I stepped cautiously into the room spotted our corn snake hiding behind the sofa and called Mum for some help.

Peter Jacobs, our new signing used to play in midfield for Moor End.