



## Year 5 English Distance Teaching and Learning

Week beginning: 1.6.20

Lesson 3		
Learning Intention WALT use commas in lists, adverbials and clauses	Key Vocabulary: <b>Comma</b> - a punctuation mark , used chiefly to show separation of words or word groups within a sentence. <b>Clause</b> - a group of related words containing a subject that tells readers what the sentence is about and a verb that tells readers what the subject is doing. <b>Adverbial</b> - a word or phrase that has been used like an adverb to add detail or further information to a verb.	What you will need: Pen Lined paper/English book Challenges Lesson 3 video
Starter		
Tick the statements which are true.  I should use a comma to separate items in a list. I should use a comma at the end of a sentence. I should use a comma to replace a conjunction. I should use a comma to mark clauses.		
Main Teaching		
Let us remind ourselves about when to use commas.		



# Commas



**A comma separates units of meaning in a sentence.**

**A comma separates items in a list.**

Jenna bought some apples, grapes, bananas and pears for her fruit salad.



**A comma separates a subordinate clause from a main clause at the start of a sentence.**

Although she was tired, Tilly went to the party.



**A comma always follows a fronted adverbial.**

After the party, Greta excitedly opened her presents.

**A comma marks out a relative clause (extra information that has been added into the sentence).**

The children, who were in class six, were very excited.



## Task 1

Underline where a comma has been used for parenthesis.

Circle where a comma has been used to separate a clause.

- Having already run ten miles that morning, Dan didn't feel like walking the dog in the afternoon.
- Dan, who was 17, wanted to run his first marathon by the end of the year.

## Task 2

True or false?

The comma has been used to show parenthesis.

The house on the hill, which was very spooky, looked like it hadn't been lived in for a long time.

## Task 3

How have the commas been used in the sentences below?

They were all still so hungry, even though they had just eaten a huge meal.

The mountains, which were separated by a river, dominated the landscape.

## Task 4

Insert the missing commas into the sentences below.

Maths was her favourite subject at school even though she found it tough.

The football match which had kicked off late due to the traffic jam was going to finish twenty minutes late.

In May this year Class 5 are going on a trip to the War Museum despite it being a long drive.

## Independent Tasks

1a. Write a sentence that uses a pair of commas for parenthesis.

Use the word bank to help you.

towel    goggles    Jake  
bag    swimming    armbands



A

1b. Write a sentence that uses a comma for an adverbial.

Use the word bank to help you.

last    team    award  
summer    football    won



A

2a. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

A. The football match, which kicked off at 3pm, was very exciting.

B. The football match which, kicked off at 3pm was very, exciting.

Explain your answer.



R

2b. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

A. During the hot weather the children, played outside.

B. During the hot weather, the children played outside.

Explain your answer.



R

3a. Hafsa thinks she has used commas correctly for parenthesis.

Mr Jones the physics teacher, was late to registration.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



R

3b. Sinead thinks she has used a comma correctly for an adverbial.

Under the tree there, were many toadstools.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



R

4a. Write a sentence that uses a pair of commas to show an adverbial.

Use the word bank to help you.

behind	cabin	trees
hidden	stood	shabby



A

4b. Write a sentence that uses a pair of commas for parenthesis.

Use the word bank to help you.

girl	sport	run
who	sprint	race



A

5a. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

- A. Before their friends, arrived they had time to visit the café for breakfast.
- B. Before their friends arrived, they had time to visit the café for breakfast.

Explain your answer.



B

5b. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

- A. The old house which had been empty for a long time, finally had new owners.
- B. The old house, which had been empty for a long time, finally had new owners.

Explain your answer.



B

6a. Millie thinks she has used commas correctly for parenthesis and to separate clauses.

The delivery which appeared to be running late, was the cause of lots of stress. Despite having much more to do, before she could go home Mum sat down, with a cup of tea.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



B

6b. Lucy thinks she has used commas correctly for parenthesis and to separate clauses.

The theatre production of Annie which had proved very popular, had been asked to perform on two extra nights. Even though, the cast were tired they were excited too.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



B

7a. Write a multi-clause sentence that uses commas for parenthesis.

Use the word bank to help you.

after	homework
finished	dinner



7b. Write a multi-clause sentence that uses a pair of commas for parenthesis.

Use the word bank to help you.

who	rugby
which	watch



8a. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

A. The performance, of Swan Lake interrupted by a person taken ill resumed, again eventually after a short, break.

B. The performance of Swan Lake, interrupted by a person taken ill, resumed again, eventually, after a short break.

Explain your answer.



8b. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

A. Creeping silently, trying to get away without being noticed, the group edged, steadily, towards the exit.

B. Creeping, silently trying to get away, without being noticed the group edged steadily, towards the exit.

Explain your answer.



9a. Pippa thinks she has used commas correctly.

Across the desert the camel, trudged along without stopping despite the relentless heat, and lack of the water.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



9b. Flo thinks she has used commas correctly.

Under the table behind, the chair leg she found the pencil that she had been looking for, after losing it the week before.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



### Challenge X

Which sentence uses a comma correctly?

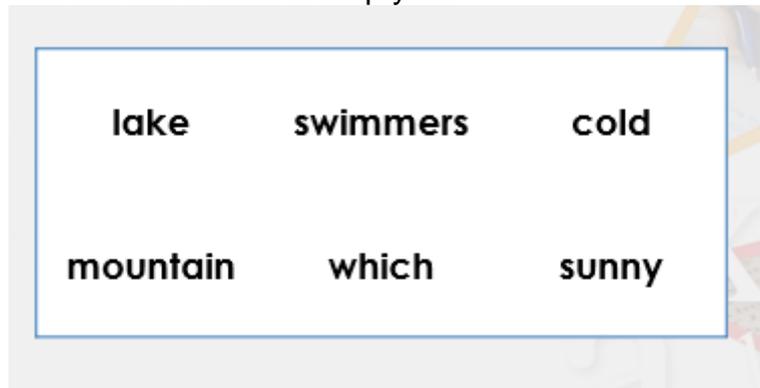
- A. By setting off straight after lunch, they hoped to reach their destination by teatime.
- B. By setting off, straight after lunch they hoped to reach their destination, by teatime.

Explain your answer.

### Review

Write a sentence that uses a pair of commas to separate clauses.

Use the word bank to help you.



### Mark Scheme – Lesson 3

#### Starter

- I should use a comma to separate items in a list. ✓
- I should use a comma at the end of a sentence.
- I should use a comma to replace a conjunction.
- I should use a comma to mark clauses. ✓

#### Main Teaching

##### Task 1

- A. Having already run ten miles that morning, Dan didn't feel like walking the dog in the afternoon.
- B. Dan, who was 17, wanted to run his first marathon by the end of the year.

##### Task 2

True

##### Task 3

- A. Separate clauses
- B. Parenthesis

##### Task 4

- A. Maths was her favourite subject at school, even though she found it tough.
- B. The football match, which had kicked off late due to the traffic jam, was going to finish twenty minutes late.
- C. In May this year, Class 5 are going on a trip to the War Museum, despite it being a long drive.

#### Independent Tasks

##### Challenge 1

- 1a. Example answer: Jake, who was going swimming, packed a towel into his bag.
- 1b. Example answer: Last summer, my football team won the award for the most improved team.



- 2a. A is correct because the commas are used for parenthesis, giving extra information.  
2b. B is correct because the comma is used after an adverbial, showing when the children played.  
3a. She is incorrect because the commas are not used to separate the extra information. The sentence should be: Mr Jones, the physics teacher, was late to registration.  
3b. She is incorrect because the comma is not after the adverbial. The sentence should be: Under the tree, there were many toadstools.

### Challenge 2

- 4a. Example answer: Hidden behind the trees, there stood a shabby cabin.  
4b. Example answer: The little girl, who was great at sport, won the sprint race at her sports day.  
5a. B is correct because the commas are used for an adverbial, showing when they visited the café.  
5b. B is correct because the commas are used for parenthesis, giving extra information.  
6a. She is incorrect because there is not a pair of commas around the extra information or to separate clauses. The sentences should be: The delivery, which appeared to be running late, was the cause of lots of stress. Despite having much more to do before she could go home, Mum sat down with a cup of tea.  
6b. She is incorrect because there is not a pair of commas around the extra information or to separate clauses. The sentences should be: The theatre production of Annie, which had proved very popular, had been asked to perform on two extra nights. Even though the cast were tired, they were excited too.

### Challenge 3

- 7a. Example answer: Even though he really didn't want to, Ivan, who was tired, finished his homework after his dinner.  
7b. Example answer: The rugby match, which was much anticipated, proved to be an entertaining watch for the spectators, despite the pouring rain.  
8a. B is correct because the commas are used to separate the pieces of extra information.  
8b. A is correct because the commas are used after an adverbial, to separate clauses, and for parenthesis.  
9a. She is incorrect because she has not used a comma after the adverbial or to separate the clauses. The sentence should be: Across the desert, the camel trudged along without stopping, despite the relentless heat and lack of water.  
9b. She is incorrect because she has not used commas after each adverbial. The sentence should be: Under the table, behind the chair leg, she found the pencil that she had been looking for after losing it the week before.

### Challenge X

- A. By setting off straight after lunch, they hoped to reach their destination by teatime.**  
B. By setting off, straight after lunch they hoped to reach their destination, by teatime.  
Explain your answer.  
**A uses a comma correctly because it separates the clauses in the sentence.**

### Review

Example answer: The lake, which was freezing cold, was popular with swimmers.