

## Commas used in lists



A comma is a form of **punctuation**. It is a **punctuation mark**. Punctuation marks helps us to make sense of what we read. Other punctuation marks you may know are full stops and question marks.

**Lists are sometimes written like this:**

yellow  
red  
blue  
purple  
brown  
black  
white



Commas can be used to separate items in a list like this:

**At the zoo I saw elephants, giraffes, monkeys and camels.**



Note that in a list we do not use a comma before using the word **and**.

### Now try this ...

In your work book, have a go at writing the colour list above as a list using commas. The first part of the sentence is done for you below. Can you add some more colours of your own?

***There are lots of colours including ...***

Now look at the zoo list above. Write a similar list using commas about animals you might see in the pet shop.

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In your work books, write out these sentences putting in the missing commas.

1. For Christmas I would like a bike a new skateboard a new coat and a box of chocolates.
2. At Tesco my trolley was full of eggs bread butter and cornflakes.
3. My best friends are Tim John Katie Mary and Peter.
4. In the winter I always wear my hat coat scarf gloves boots and jumper.
5. I have a pet frog a pet dog a pet hamster and a guinea pig.
6. In my pencil case there is a pen a rubber a ruler and some chalk.

Complete these sentences. List three or more items for each sentence.

1. On Monday we have ...
2. In the playground we play with ...
3. The countries I have visited are ...
4. In my bedroom I have ...
5. The toy box was full of ...
6. Four boys' names are ...



Write a list of ten sports that you know.  
Here are two to help you - netball and hockey.



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Name: ..... Date: .....

Write a list of the things each person needs to do their job well. The first one has been done for you.



**A teacher needs** chalk, pens, patience and pupils.



**A hairdresser needs**



**A footballer needs**



**A chef needs**



**A builder needs**



**A police officer needs**