

# Using Commas in Lists, Adverbials and Clauses

1. Underline where a comma has been used for parenthesis. Circle where a comma has been used to separate a clause.

A. Shilo, undetected by his mother, had taken the last cookie.

B. Despite his mother being in the kitchen, Shilo had taken the last cookie without being noticed.

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4. Jenna is looking at the sentence below.

Somewhere far away, and beyond the clouds a beautiful castle sat proudly.

She says,



The comma is placed after the adverbial.

Explain her mistake.

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2. Identify how the commas have been used in the sentences below.

A. Even though it snowed, we still went to school.

B. We saw a spider monkey, a Bengal tiger and a snow leopard at the zoo.

C. At last, they had saved up enough money for a trip to the theme park.

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5. Write a sentence that uses a comma or a pair of commas to show parenthesis.

cupcakes

ten

eaten

chocolate

Use the word bank to help you.

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3. Insert the missing commas into the sentences below.

A. With a pencil draw the diagram in your science book.

B. Since it was dinner time Edie ran downstairs.

C. Lucy picked the teddy the blue one for her birthday present.

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6. Which sentence below uses commas correctly?

A. After finishing, his work he was allowed to go out and play.

B. After finishing his work, he was allowed to go out and play.

Explain your answer.

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- A. to separate a clause; B. for a list; C. for a fronted adverbial
- A. With a pencil, draw the diagram in your science book.  
B. Since it was dinner time, Edie ran downstairs.  
C. Lucy picked the teddy, the blue one, for her birthday present.
- Jenna has not placed her comma after the whole adverbial. Her adverbial also includes 'and beyond the clouds'. The comma should be placed after the word 'clouds'. The main clause is 'a beautiful castle sat proudly', which makes sense on its own.
- Various answers, for example: The chocolate cupcakes, all ten of them, had been eaten.
- Sentence B uses commas correctly. The comma has been placed at the end of the subordinate clause and before the main clause, which makes sense on its own.