

# Commas in a List

1. Which sentence has used a comma in a list correctly? Tick one.

A. At home, I like to bake, cookies with my mum, play piano and sing songs.

B. Andy, who likes sport, is involved in the cricket club, the football team and coaching the junior teams.

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4. Write a sentence that lists all of the information below.

Cruise ship destinations

Antigua in the Caribbean

Florida Keys in America

The Inside Passage in Canada

Greece in the Mediterranean

Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly and include a fronted adverbial or parenthesis.

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2. Circle the commas that have been used to separate items in a list.

A. On holiday in Blackpool, we walked along the beach, went to the top of the tower and travelled on a tram.

B. My dad, who has an allotment, grows marrows the size of a football, cucumbers, tomatoes the size of my fist and carrots that are wonky.

C. In France, they have delicacies such as frog's legs, snails in a white wine sauce and croissants filled with chocolate.

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5. Explain the mistake in the sentence below.

To get to my house you turn right at the traffic lights, go straight on at the roundabout, turn left, by the school and then my house is in front of you.

Rewrite the sentence correctly.

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3. Add the missing commas to the sentences below.

A. At the weekend we went to the park near our house visited our granny and played in the garden with our friends.

B. Lily who's turning ten next week would like some pastel coloured nail varnish a pair of new trainers a trip to the trampoline park and have pizza for dinner.

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6. Rayyan is thinking about using commas in a list.

He says,



There is always one less comma in a list than the number of items.

Is he correct? Prove it.

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4. Various answers, for example: This year, our popular cruise ship destinations include Antigua in the Caribbean, Florida Keys in America, The Inside Passage in Canada and Greece in the Mediterranean.
5. A comma has placed in the middle of an item in the list. 'Turn left by the school' is one instruction, so the comma in the middle is not needed. The correct sentence is as follows: To get to my house you turn right at the traffic lights, go straight on at the roundabout, turn left by the school and then my house is in front of you.
6. Rayyan is incorrect because there is always two fewer commas than the number of items in a list. This is because one is replaced by an 'and' and the first item does not need a comma before it. For example, if a list has three items, there will be one comma: I like apples, bananas and oranges.