

Punctuation

Uses of the comma

A comma is used to indicate a short pause between several objects or between several things done. A comma is not used before 'and' for the last item.

The eagle, the vulture, the hawk and the falcon are birds of prey.

■ Using commas

Write out the following sentences correctly inserting commas and full stops.

- 1 A hyena laughs a donkey brays a rabbit squeals and a monkey chatters

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- 2 We saw horses sheep pigs cows and ducks on the farm

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- 3 The wind blows the rain lashes the thunder rumbles and the lightning flashes

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- 4 She woke early ate breakfast went for a walk and then set out for school

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- 5 The accountant bought a biro some textas a rubber and a notebook

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- 6 The Italian chef was busy preparing the lasagne straining the spaghetti adding cheese to the pizza and frying the veal

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- 7 The tramp's clothes were dirty torn and shabby from years of wear

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- 8 Frogs jump lions stalk seagulls glide mice creep and snakes slither

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