

Thursday 7.5.2020 – Year 5 grammar

Comma use – revision of all three uses: adverbial, clauses and lists.

A bit of an active start!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-english-commas-brackets-dashes-with-ben-shires/zh32cqt>

1. Identify which sentences the commas have been used for parenthesis and where they have been used to separate a clause.

A. Alfie, who was full of cold, wanted to play outside in the rain.

B. Although it was raining heavily, Alfie still wanted to play outside.

A. The playground, which was covered in snow, was too slippery to play football.

B. Very red-faced and embarrassed at being caught, Lily stormed off towards the classroom.

2. True or false? The commas have been used for parenthesis.

Jake, who was ten years old, was an extremely talented athlete.

The party which was supposed to start at 1pm, was delayed due to a power cut.

3. How have the commas been used in the sentences below?

- A. Before she left, she needed to get her pencil case, notepad and diary.
- B. After lunch, they planned to go swimming.
- C. Prior to their arrival, Pippa quickly tidied her bedroom.
- D. The mountains loomed over the lake, causing an eerie shadow.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Insert the missing commas into the sentences below.

- A. Her favourite foods are pizza crisps tomato and cucumber.
- B. During the summer Daisy decided to take up jogging.
- C. Kai who is a talented artist won a competition to have his work in a magazine.

7. Write a sentence that uses a comma to show an adverbial. Use the word bank.

behind	cabin	trees
hidden	stood	shabby

8. Write a sentence that uses a pair of commas for parenthesis. Use the word bank.

girl	sport	run
who	sprint	race

Answers

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parenthesis

A. Alfie, who was full of cold, wanted to play outside in the rain.

separate
clause

B. Although it was raining heavily, Alfie still wanted to play outside.

A. The playground, which was covered in snow, was too slippery to play football.

parenthesis

B. Very red-faced and embarrassed at being caught, Lily stormed off towards the classroom.

separate clauses

2. TRUE

FALSE – a comma is missing

3. A – adverbial and a list

B – adverbial

C – adverbial

D – separate clauses

4. B

5. B

6. A. Her favourite foods are pizza, crisps, tomato and cucumber.

B. During the summer, Daisy decided to take up jogging.

C. Kai, who is a talented artist, won a competition to have his work in a magazine.

7. Example answer: Hidden behind the trees, there stood a shabby cabin.

8. Example answer: The little girl, who was great at sport, won the sprint race at her sports day.