

SPaG Commas

Commas are used to separate the main clause from the subordinate clause:

The cat played on the mat while Conor revised.

While Conor revised, the cat played on the mat.

The cat, while Conor revised, played on the mat. (embedded clause)

Create your own complex sentences using commas:

Commas in lists:

Commas are also used to separate items in a list.

I went to the shop and I bought milk, eggs and bread.

I loved dancing, singing and performing.

Create your own sentences using commas for lists:

Commas after openers:

If you use an adverb opener or a connective, you need to use a comma (think about higher level connectives in the exam).

Firstly, we need to make a change.

However, the changes will not come easily.

Reluctantly, the government are increasing food supplies for the poor.

Create your own sentences using commas after openers:

Can you rewrite the paragraph using commas?

The noise grew louder. As he approached the crowd people were screaming from the seats overhead while others were chanting. He covered his ears. It was an unholy sound. Suddenly the crowd began to move. He was terrified.