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Punctuation Marks - The Comma (,)

Commas are used ;

- **to separate a series of verbs,** (He bought carrots, beans and tomatoes)
- **to separate a series of adjectives,** (He batted, bowled and fielded well)
- **to enclose details,** (Shehani, my daughter, is a clever girl)
- **after participle clauses,** (Knowing that she was wrong, Mali left the room)
- **before tag questions,** (You are Nirma, aren't you?)
- **after interjection,** (Yes, this frock is mine)
- **after an independent clauses,** (As I was late, I started drive fast)
- **between two independent clauses joined with a coordinating conjunctions,** (for , and , nor , but , or , yet , so)
- **with a direct quotations,** (She said," I can't go there.")

1. Put commas where necessary.

1. Yes I can swim.
2. The little girl was ugly untidy and miserable.
3. Mother bought jam fruit sugar flour and baking powder to make a cake.
4. The ballerina moved across the stage twisted and bowed the audience.
5. If you had helped me I would have won the game.
6. Running around the house the dog abruptly fell on the ground.
7. Mali left the school and tried to forget his higher education.
8. They tried to join the trip but they couldn't.
9. This house is spacious enough isn't it?
10. As the sun began to sink over the sea Sanuthmi got up and went home.

2. Put full stop and comma where necessary.

In the school holidays my sisters Ruth Sarani and I help our parents cleaning and cooking I help my mother to make the beds clean the floor and vacuum the guests' rooms My sisters are good at cooking sewing and singing So they help our dad to cook breakfast lunch and dinner Our guests usually want a full English breakfast with eggs bacon sausage tomatoes and beans We also help our parents with another important job: talking to the guests serving food and answering their questions