15.4 Commas in Lists: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

A Trip to Bramble Farm

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On Monday, Willow Class went on a school trip to Bramble Farm. Miss Okafor packed sandwiches, apples, biscuits, and juice for everyone to share.

At the farm, the children saw hens, sheep, goats, and a huge shire horse standing by the gate. Tom stroked the horse gently and it nuzzled his hand.

The farmer, Mr Patel, showed the class how to feed the hens, collect the eggs, and clean out the coop. Priya, Leah, and Omar helped him carefully.

For lunch, the children sat on the grass, opened their bags, and shared their snacks. They ate cheese sandwiches, crunchy apples, and oaty biscuits.

Before leaving, the class visited the farm shop. Leah bought a wooden sheep, a postcard, and a pencil, but Omar chose a farm sticker book instead.

On the coach home, the children talked about the horse, the hens, and the goats. It had been an exciting, tiring, and wonderful day.

1 Tick the sentence that uses commas correctly to list what Miss Okafor packed for the trip.

- ☐ A) Miss Okafor packed sandwiches apples, biscuits, and juice.
- ☐ B) Miss Okafor packed sandwiches, apples, biscuits and, juice.
- ☐ C) Miss Okafor packed sandwiches, apples, biscuits, and juice.
- ☐ D) Miss Okafor packed, sandwiches apples biscuits and juice.

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2 A list of only two items joined by 'and' does not need a comma. Tick the sentence that is already correctly punctuated.

- ☐ A) Tom stroked the horse, and the hen.
- ☐ B) Tom stroked the horse and the hen.
- ☐ C) Tom, stroked the horse and the hen.
- ☐ D) Tom stroked, the horse and the hen.

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3 Look at each list of items below. Tick 'Yes' if it needs commas (three items or more) or 'No' if it does not (only two items).

(a) cheese sandwiches and crunchy apples **(1)**

- ☐ A) Yes - needs commas
- ☐ B) No - does not need a comma

(b) hens sheep and goats **(1)**

- ☐ A) Yes - needs commas
- ☐ B) No - does not need a comma

(c) eggs milk cheese and bread **(1)**

- ☐ A) Yes - needs commas
- ☐ B) No - does not need a comma

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4 Practice question (not marked). When a sentence lists three or more items, we write a comma after each item except the last one, which has 'and' just before it instead. Tick the sentence that uses commas correctly in a list.

- ☐ A) Sam has a pen a pencil and a rubber.
- ☐ B) Sam has a pen, a pencil, and a rubber.
- ☐ C) Sam has a pen, a pencil and, a rubber.

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5 This sentence has a comma in the wrong place and is missing a comma. Find the mistakes and write the sentence out correctly.

Priya, Leah and Omar, helped him carefully.

(2)

6 This sentence has a comma in the wrong place. Find the mistake and write the sentence out correctly.

Leah bought, a wooden sheep a postcard, and a pencil.

(2)

7 Write a sentence of your own listing three farm animals you might see at Bramble Farm. Remember to use commas correctly.

(2)

8 This sentence lists only two items, so it does not need a comma. Cross out the comma that is not needed, then write the sentence out correctly.

The children ate cheese sandwiches, and crunchy apples.

(1)

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Mark scheme · 15.4 Commas in Lists: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

C ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **C**

Question 2

B ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 3

(a) No ticked (cao). Only two items are named. **B1**

(a) Answer: **No**

(b) Yes ticked (cao). Three items are named. **B1**

(b) Answer: **Yes**

(c) Yes ticked (cao). Four items are named. **B1**

(c) Answer: **Yes**

Question 4

Practice question - not marked. Teacher may explain that a comma follows every item in the list except the last, which has 'and' before it instead. -

Answer: **B**

Question 5

wrong comma after 'Omar' removed (cao) **B1**

comma added correctly after 'Leah', straight before 'and' (cao) **B1**

Answer: **Priya, Leah, and Omar helped him carefully.**

Question 6

wrong comma after 'bought' removed (cao) **B1**

comma added correctly after 'sheep' (cao) **B1**

Answer: **Leah bought a wooden sheep, a postcard, and a pencil.**

Question 7

sentence names three suitable farm animals (oe) **B1**

commas used correctly in the list, with 'and' before the last animal (cao) **B1**

Answer: **e.g. At the farm we saw cows, pigs, and ducks.**

Question 8

comma removed and sentence written correctly with no comma (cao) **B1**

Answer: **The children ate cheese sandwiches and crunchy apples.**

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