

Commas in a Series

Read the sentence carefully. Correctly place commas in the series.

1. A notebook pencil eraser and marker fell out of her backpack.
2. She needs to buy jam bread peanut butter and bananas at the grocery store.
3. During summer camp we sang songs drew pictures and played games.
4. The baseball team's uniform colors are red gold black and white.
5. Tracy checked out books from the library about penguins zebras elephants and lizards.
6. John packed his flashlight tent water bottle blanket and snack for his camping trip.
7. A new swing slide and monkey bars were built at the park.
8. I collected purple pink blue and white seashells at the beach.
9. This school year, Jennifer played softball basketball soccer and volleyball.
10. My family has a dog cat fish and turtle as pets.

Commas in a Series **Answers**

Two answer choices have been included for each sentence. If your students are learning to use the Oxford comma, please use the first answer. If your students are learning to use AP style, please use the second answer.

- O:** A notebook, pencil, eraser, and marker fell out of her backpack.
AP: A notebook, pencil, eraser and marker fell out of her backpack.
- O:** She needs to buy jam, bread, peanut butter, and bananas at the grocery store.
AP: She needs to buy jam, bread, peanut butter and bananas at the grocery store.
- O:** During summer camp we sang songs, drew pictures, and played games.
AP: During summer camp we sang songs, drew pictures and played games.
- O:** The baseball team's uniform colors are red, gold, black, and white.
AP: The baseball team's uniform colors are red, gold, black and white.
- O:** Tracy checked out books from the library about penguins, zebras, elephants, and lizards.
AP: Tracy checked out books from the library about penguins, zebras, elephants and lizards.
- O:** John packed his flashlight, tent, water bottle, blanket, and snack for his camping trip.
AP: John packed his flashlight, tent, water bottle, blanket and snack for his camping trip.
- O:** A new swing, slide, and monkey bars were built at the park.
AP: A new swing, slide and monkey bars were built at the park.

8. **O:** I collected purple, pink, blue, and white seashells at the beach.
AP: I collected purple, pink, blue and white seashells at the beach.
9. **O:** This school year, Jennifer played softball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball.
AP: This school year, Jennifer played softball, basketball, soccer and volleyball.
10. **O:** My family has a dog, cat, fish, and turtle as pets.
AP: My family has a dog, cat, fish and turtle as pets.