

Commas in a list

When writing a list people tend to use the word 'and' repeatedly. However, the repeated use of 'and' can make your list sound really long and boring.

An example: I would like a sandwich and a packet of crisps and a bottle of juice and a cake.

Instead

When writing a list, the rule is to separate the items with a comma between each item, except for the last item where you use 'and'.

An example: I would like a sandwich, a packet of crisps, a bottle of juice and a cake.

This sounds a lot better, shorter and doesn't repeat the word and lots of times.

Click the link for more examples of commas in a list.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8x6cj6/articles/zxvcrdm>

Part 1: Take out the extra ands and put in the commas.

1. The packet contained red and blue and green and yellow felt tips.
2. Leah had invited Alex and Josh and Matthew and Oliver and David and Danielle to her birthday party.
3. Violins and recorders and drums and guitars were all set out in the music room.
4. Britain is made up of England and Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland.
5. George had sandwiches and crisps and chocolate and cakes in his packed lunch box.

Part 2: Put the commas in the right places

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 store.
3. During summer camp we sang songs drew pictures and played games.
4. The basketball team's uniform colours are red gold black and white.
5. Tracy checked out books from the library about penguins zebras elephants and lizards.

Part 3: Can you write a food shopping list for items your household need to buy this week