

Commas in a List

4th Grade

Where the commas go when you list three or more things.

In a list of three or more, put a comma after each item except the last. The word 'and' goes before the final item.

a, b, c and d

bread cheese and apples

One comma, because there are three items.

bread, cheese and apples

I ran jumped and swam

It works for actions too, not just things.

I ran, jumped and swam

red, white, and blue

The comma before 'and' is optional — but be consistent.

also correct

salt and pepper

Only two items, so no list comma is needed.

no comma

Two items never need a comma. Three or more always do.