

# NASTY WRITING!

## Commas for clarity

We use commas for different reasons. You can usually hear where a comma should go when you read your writing out loud. Here are some ways we use commas:

- To separate short items in a list
- After a fronted adverbial (*To begin with,...*)
- For parenthesis in the middle of a sentence (*..., blue or green,...*)
- After a subordinating clause at the start of a sentence (*Although it wasn't easy,...*)
- Before a relative clause giving extra information (*..., which is all you need to do.*)

Rewrite the sentences below adding in the missing commas (answers below!):

- 1 When you go to Tesco can you pick up some bread milk eggs cheese and flour if you can get some?
- 2 While he was waiting for the internet the young boy decided to make a cup of tea.
- 3 Doing home learning which we have been now for the last four days is sometimes really fun!
- 4 For lunch butter some bread brown or white before deciding what filling to use which can be hard with so much to choose from!
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## ANSWERS:

- 1 When you go to Tesco, can you pick up some bread, milk, eggs, cheese and flour if you can get some?
- 2 While he was waiting for the internet, the young boy decided to make a cup of tea.
- 3 Doing home learning, which we have been now for the last four days, is sometimes really fun!
- 4 For lunch, butter some bread, brown or white, before deciding what filling to use, which can be hard with so much to choose from!
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