

Commas in direct speech

Commas separate direct speech from the speaker.

When the direct speech is written first, the **comma** is inside the speech marks.

Example: "Sit," said the man to his dog.

When the speaker is written first, the **comma** is outside the speech marks.

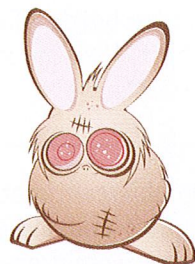
Example: The man said, "Fetch the ball!"

When the speaker is in the middle of the spoken text, there are **two commas**.

Example: "It's still raining," whinged May, "and our game is about to start."

Add a comma and speech marks to each sentence.

- Come over here said Kyle.
- Don't forget reminded Georgia's father.
- His manners were poor commented Coach.
- The giant pink rabbit said This really isn't a dream.



Add two commas to each sentence.

- "It isn't fair" complained Ryan "that Josh can sit up front."
- "Can I have a turn" asked Shari "after you're finished?"
- "Yep" Jeff replied "I'm up for that."
- "Wherever or however" the captain commanded "we will be there."

Add commas to these statements.

- Flying down the sandhill, he yelled "This is fantastic fun!"
- "Everything has changed" reminded the coach.
- She swam the river and gasped "That was the hardest thing I've ever done."
- "No" Billy shouted "I don't want to go!"

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /24 0-10 12-18 20-24

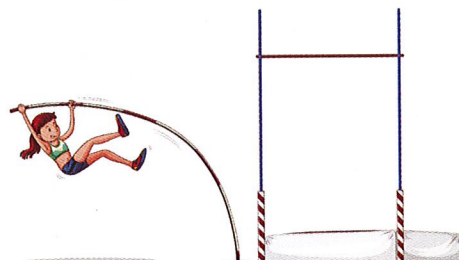
Letter teams - 'f' sound

Some **letter teams** have the same sound but different spelling. The sound **f** can be spelt as **f, ph, ff, gh**.

Choose a f sound from the box to spell the words.

f ph ff gh

- My grandfather answered the tele\_\_\_one.
- Maths is a di\_\_\_icult subject for me.
- To win the gold medal she had to jump per\_\_\_ectly.
- During English we were asked to write a paragra\_\_\_.



Choose missing letters from the box to complete the -ant words.

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- \_\_\_ ant
- \_\_\_ ant
- \_\_\_ ant
- \_\_\_ ant

American English

Some words in American English are spelt differently to Australian English.

Examples:  
theater (American), theatre (Australian)  
center (American), centre (Australian)

Rewrite the American spelling into Australian spelling.

- fiber \_\_\_\_\_
- liter \_\_\_\_\_
- meter \_\_\_\_\_
- luster \_\_\_\_\_

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What is Weather Forecasting?

Informative text - Report  
Author - Janette Ellis



Since ancient times, people have tried to predict or forecast the weather. It is not an exact science.

Forecasting today uses the best 21st century technology — **artificial satellites**, ground-based instruments and the fastest computers in the world. They take weather measurements every moment of every day.

Satellites track the bigger picture from above, whilst temperature, rainfall, **humidity** and wind speed are recorded locally.

Meteorologists (people who study weather) and mathematicians create complex computer systems to make the most accurate forecasts.

Weather forecasts are important for many reasons. For example, air and sea travel can be dangerous in poor weather; farmers need to know what season to expect; and people use weather forecasts to plan their daily activities.

Source: Forecasting, Go Facts, Blake Education.

Write or circle the correct answer.

- What is meant by forecasting is 'not an exact science'?  
a Forecasting is not science.  
b Forecasting is difficult to get right.  
c Scientists are always right.
- What four things are measured locally and not by satellites?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are the computers that measure weather turned off at night? Write the sentence that answers this question.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Which two people below need the weather forecasts to be correct?  
a the captain of an aircraft  
b a hairdresser  
c an artist  
d a ship's captain

- Name two of the technologies that are used today for forecasting weather.  
\_\_\_\_\_

- What do meteorologists do?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- What do farmers need to know from forecasters?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /14 0-4 6-10 12-14

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