

Commas with adjectival clauses

Commas are used to separate adjectival clauses in sentences, but **only when they add extra meaning to a sentence.**

Example: Our orange tree, which was planted years ago, still bears fruit.

Add the commas to these sentences.

- The snake catcher who had a limp is an expert.
- Treehouses which can be made of wood should not be too high.
- Deep space which is well out of the galaxy hasn't been reached by humans.
- In her backyard which is massive there's a huge mulberry tree.

Commas with adverbial phrases

Commas are used to separate **adverbial phrases** when they are at the beginning of a sentence.

Examples: **Over the weekend**, my sister found fool's gold.

**From our porch**, I could see the school.

Add the commas to these sentences.

- From our boat we swam to see the seals.
- Yesterday afternoon I was allowed to ride Sarah's horse.
- With tiny steps the climber reached the peak of the mountain.
- Because we had been well behaved our teacher took us to sport.

Commas in direct speech

Some words are separated by a **comma in direct speech**: yes, no, well, oh.

Example:

"Yes, I do believe it is our turn," she replied. James commented, "Oh, I thought it was open."

Add the commas to these sentences.

- "Yes I did borrow the bike," Jake admitted.
- "Oh that was so clever," Mrs James said.
- The scientist proclaimed, "Yes I have the answer!"
- "No you need to do that again," demanded his father.

Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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Plurals

Most words that end in **-o** are made plural by adding **-es**. Example: mango, mangoes.

Musical instruments have only **-s** added. Example: piano, pianos

Write the plural (more than one) by adding either **-es** or just **-s**.

- banjo \_\_\_\_\_
- tomato \_\_\_\_\_
- potato \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the words which have a long 'e' sound.

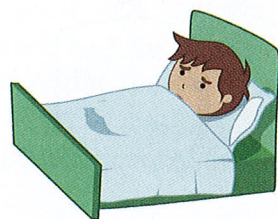
- steep guess litre meant
- ankle cheap eight people

Choose a sound from the box that the underlined word makes. The first one is done for you.

**uff**: the sound in stuff    **ow**: the sound in cow  
**ew**: the sound in stew    **off**: the sound in toffee

Lost for hours, we broke the bough to use as shade. **ow**

- Our small plane had a very rough landing. \_\_\_\_\_
- We had to walk through the raging creek water. \_\_\_\_\_
- My bad cough kept me awake at night. \_\_\_\_\_



Compound Words

Match the words in the box to make compound words.

bed life neck sauce brush

- tooth \_\_\_\_\_
- after \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ pan
- \_\_\_\_\_ room
- \_\_\_\_\_ lace

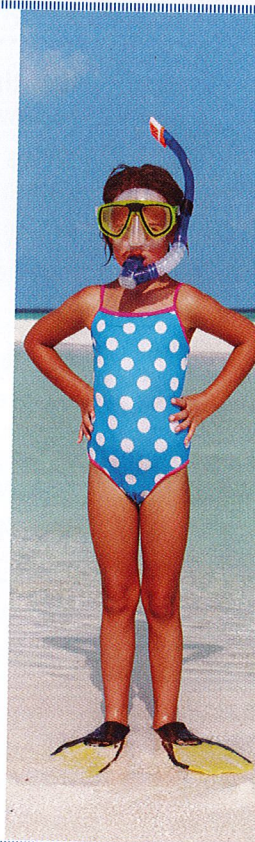
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Manta Ray

With massive wings, four metres wide, these huge animals are like graceful birds flying through the ocean. Filter feeders, vacuuming the seawater, they fill their stomachs with tiny plankton and shrimp. Like a cave, their mouth is always open. With a throat the size of a football, they threaten few creatures in the ocean. Weighing the same as your parents' car, nothing threatens them in return.

Tide changes in the north of Western Australia are up to nine metres — the height of your house. Water near the shore can become very deep. Sally saw the huge ray swimming close to shore. Quickly, she gathered her diving goggles, flippers and snorkel. Paddling wildly, she reached the back of the ray which seemingly ignored her as it



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swam lazily. One thought flashed into her mind.

"Grab the tail! Grab the tail!"

It was the crazy person in her head demanding it.

She reached towards the animal as it turned in its body length and came straight for her. Seeing that two-metre-wide mouth threatening to swallow her, she panicked. At the last moment, the beast turned, flapping its mighty wing. Like a stone she plummeted down, spinning like clothes in a washing machine.

After being briefly pinned to the sea floor, she struggled to the surface. Manta rays may not smile, but that animal did.

Write or circle the correct answer.

- What does 'in return' mean?
  - in exchange or response
  - in an aggressive way
  - in a bad mood
- How high are the tide changes in Western Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does it mean that there was a crazy person in Sally's head?
  - She was laughing.
  - She was asking herself.
  - She was thinking to herself.
- What do manta rays eat? \_\_\_\_\_
- How heavy is a manta ray? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which words tell you how Sally felt when the manta ray turned to face her? \_\_\_\_\_

7 How did the writer compare the way the manta ray moves with a bird? \_\_\_\_\_

8 Which words describe that Sally rolled around in the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_

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