

Comma Clue Hunt

Students identify where commas belong in dates and word lists.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.1.2c "Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 DATE CLUES _____

a	2026	July	4
b	12	2025	November
c	May	9	2027

2 LIST CLUES _____

a	sun	moon	star	cloud
b	red	blue	green	yellow
c	jump	skip	hop	dance

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each row aloud, then have students circle the part that needs a comma after it. In a date, the comma comes after the day, before the year. In a list, commas separate the words before the last word.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • DATE CLUES

SAY “Listen as I read the parts in each row. Think about where a comma belongs in a date, then circle the part that comes right before the comma.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	We want to write the date July 4 2026. Which part should have a comma after it?	4
b	We want to write the date November 12 2025. Which part should have a comma after it?	12
c	We want to write the date May 9 2027. Which part should have a comma after it?	9

PART 2 • LIST CLUES

SAY “Listen to each list of words. Circle the word that should have the comma named in the question after it.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The list is sun, moon, star, cloud. Which word should have the first comma after it?	sun
b	The list is red, blue, green, yellow. Which word should have the second comma after it?	blue
c	The list is jump, skip, hop, dance. Which word should have the third comma after it?	hop

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Date Clues answers are 4, 12, and 9. List Clues answers are sun, blue, and hop.