Date Detective

Find the comma in each date.

2.5.W.6 "Students will use commas in dates (e.g., September 6, 2020)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMMA IS THERE

A comma goes after the day and before the year. This date has it in the right place.

November 4, 2018

COMMA IS MISSING

This date has no comma after the day. It needs one before the year.

February 9 2016

1 SORT

8 items

Circle COMMA or MISSING for each date, then pick one date from each group and explain how you knew.

1. March 12, 2020 — COMMA / MISSING
2. April 15 2021 — COMMA / MISSING
3. May 18 2022 — COMMA / MISSING
4. June 21, 2019 — COMMA / MISSING
5. July 24, 2023 — COMMA / MISSING
6. August 27 2017 — COMMA / MISSING
7. September 30, 2024 — COMMA / MISSING
8. October 11, 2025 — COMMA / MISSING

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new date with a comma after the day and one new date that needs a comma after the day.

COMMA _____

MISSING _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence about something that happened on a date, and put the comma in the right place.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.5.W.6

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	March 12, 2020	**COMMA**	A comma separates the day from the year.
2	April 15 2021	**MISSING**	There is no comma after the day.
3	May 18 2022	**MISSING**	There is no comma after the day.
4	June 21, 2019	**COMMA**	A comma separates the day from the year.
5	July 24, 2023	**COMMA**	A comma separates the day from the year.
6	August 27 2017	**MISSING**	There is no comma after the day.
7	September 30, 2024	**COMMA**	A comma separates the day from the year.
8	October 11, 2025	**COMMA**	A comma separates the day from the year.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **COMMA**: January 6, 2026
- **MISSING**: December 7 2015

Challenge: Our class went to the library on January 13, 2026.

For Part 2, accept explanations that point out the comma after the day in one date and the missing comma after the day in the other.