# Comma Check

Sort sentences with lists of three.

**2.LF.43.a** "Utilize commas with words in a series in a sentence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

**COMMAS READY**

When a sentence names three things, put a comma after the first thing and the second thing.

We packed mittens, scarves, and coats.

**NEEDS COMMAS**

This sentence names three things but has no commas between them. It needs a comma after the first thing and the second thing.

We packed mittens scarves and coats.

## 1 SORT

8 items

Part 1 SORT: Circle READY or FIX for each sentence; Part 2 PROVE IT: choose one item from each group and write how you knew.

**1.** The jar holds buttons, beads, and coins. READY FIX

**2.** We drew stars, moons, and suns. READY FIX

**3.** I like apples bananas and grapes. READY FIX

**4.** Dad bought soap, rice, and milk. READY FIX

**5.** The dog chased ducks geese and hens. READY FIX

**6.** I found sticks rocks and shells. READY FIX

**7.** We heard drums, bells, and flutes. READY FIX

**8.** My box has pens, clips, and pins. READY FIX

## 2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each group and write how you knew.

**ITEM #** _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write a new sentence that names three things for READY and a new sentence that names three things for FIX.

**READY** _____

**FIX** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Write a sentence that names four things. Put a comma after each of the first three things.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 2 · 2.LF.43.a**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The jar holds buttons, beads, and coins. | **READY** | Commas follow the first and second things. |
| 2 | We drew stars, moons, and suns. | **READY** | Commas follow the first and second things. |
| 3 | I like apples bananas and grapes. | **FIX** | The list of three has no commas. |
| 4 | Dad bought soap, rice, and milk. | **READY** | Commas follow the first and second things. |
| 5 | The dog chased ducks geese and hens. | **FIX** | The list of three has no commas. |
| 6 | I found sticks rocks and shells. | **FIX** | The list of three has no commas. |
| 7 | We heard drums, bells, and flutes. | **READY** | Commas follow the first and second things. |
| 8 | My box has pens, clips, and pins. | **READY** | Commas follow the first and second things. |

## PART 2 · PROVE IT

**Task:** Choose one item from each group and write how you knew.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

## PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **READY**: We ate pears, plums, and figs.
- **FIX**: I see kites bikes and boats.

**Challenge:** I see ants, bees, flies, and moths.

For Part 2, a READY explanation should point to the two commas, and a FIX explanation should point to the missing commas. In Part 3, the FIX sentence should have three things and no commas.