Comma Clue Hunt

Students find comma locations, then write a punctuated date and word list.

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 WRITE COMMAS

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read all date choices and prompts aloud. Before Part 2, write July 4 2026 and red blue green on the board without commas and read them aloud. Students use the two blank boxes to copy the date and list with their own written commas.

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 · WRITE COMMAS

SAY "In the first box, copy July 4 2026 from the board and add the comma a date needs. In the second box, copy red blue green and add commas to separate the three words. Point to each comma you wrote."

- Box 1: **July 4, 2026**
- Box 2: **red, blue, green**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Date Clues answers are 4, 12, and 9. Accept July 4, 2026 in the first box and red, blue, green in the second. Check the comma after the day and both commas separating list words; support copying the letters and numbers while students place the commas.