

To use commas correctly for a range of purposes.

Challenge 1

Write out the sentences below and put the commas in the correct place.

(Hint: there is only one comma missing in each sentence.)



- 1) Kneeling down on the bank the elephant spoke to the crocodile.
- 2) As he lent over the water the crocodile caught him by the nose.
- 3) Unhappily the elephant kept asking the crocodile to let him go.
- 4) "If you do not pull as hard as you can the crocodile will pull you into the water," said the snake.
- 5) Using all of his strength the crocodile pulled and pulled and pulled.
- 6) As the elephant heaved his nose began to stretch.

(Hint: these sentences have two commas missing.)

- 7) The elephant who's legs were beginning to slip began to panic.
- 8) The crocodile who finally got tired of pulling let go of the elephant who landed hard on the floor.



Challenge 2

Use the sentence starters below to create some of your own sentences which use commas for a range of purposes.



1) Commas when starting with a conjunction.

- As the elephant approached the river,
- When the crocodile saw the elephant,
- Although the elephant pulled and pull,
- Now create one sentence of your own.

2) Commas when starting with a fronted adverbial.

- Beside the rushing river,
- After the crocodile let go,
- Sadly, the elephant
- Now create a sentence of your own.

3) Commas for embedded clauses.

- The crocodile, who had just let go of the elephants trunk,
- Sitting down sadly, the elephant looked at his trunk, which was now
- Now create a sentence of your own.

Challenge 3

Re-write the end of The Elephant's child using commas correctly in your paragraph. Try to use commas for:

- Sentences starting with a conjunction.
- Sentences starting with a fronted adverbial.
- Sentences which contain an embedded clause.