

To use commas for a range of purposes.

Sentences which start with a conjunction

e.g. When animals get hurt or sick in a zoo, a vet makes them better straight away.

Sentence which start with a fronted adverbial. (Where, when, how)

In 2002, zoos participated in 2,230 research and conservation projects in more than 80 countries.

Sentences which contain an embedded clause.

Barbaric zoos, which keep animals captive, have been known to kill animals to prevent overcrowding.

Challenge 1

Use the sentence starters below to help you create some sentences which use commas correctly.

Sentences which start with a conjunction

- 1) When they live in zoos, animals....
- 2) If zoos did not exist,

Sentence which start with a fronted adverbial. (Where, when, how)

- 3) Sadly, animals which live in zoos....
- 4) In zoos, animals....

Sentences which contain an embedded clause.

- 5) Animals, who might otherwise become extinct, ...
- 6) Zoos, who care and protect endangered species, ...

Challenge 2

Write each of the subheadings below in your book and then create 2 sentences for each category.

- 1) Sentences which start with a conjunction
- 2) Sentence which start with a fronted adverbial. (Where, when, how)
- 3) Sentences which contain an embedded clause.

Challenge 3

Draft a paragraph explaining your view about zoos. Do you think they should stay open or not? Try to use commas for a range of purposes and underline them in colour to show their function.

- 1) Sentences which start with a conjunction (RED)
- 2) Sentence which start with a fronted adverbial. (Where, when, how) (YELLOW)
- 3) Sentences which contain an embedded clause. (BLUE)