

Lesson 5 Commas for clarity Answers

Red

- Can you show the huge difference one comma makes to the meaning of these sentences by illustrating each version or explaining the difference in words? Colour in your pictures – be imaginative.
1. We are going to cut and paste, kids. **This indicates that the kids are going to cut and paste.**
We are going to cut and paste kids. **This suggests that we are actually going to cut up kids and paste them.**
 2. I find inspiration in cooking my family and teachers. **This suggests that I am inspired by actually cooking them.**
I find inspiration in cooking, my family and teachers. **This suggests that I am inspired by them.**
 3. Compared to a giant, star wars seemed so tiny and small. **This suggests that the giant is much bigger than star wars.**
Compared to a giant star, wars seemed so tiny and small. **This suggests that the giant star is much bigger than wars (the wars are not important).**

Yellow

Place commas to give the sentences two different meanings. Some might not need any.

1. The view I imagined was amazing.
The view, I imagined was amazing.
2. I want to thank my parents, Tiffany and Kermit the Frog.
I want to thank my parents Tiffany and Kermit the Frog.
3. Hurry up and shoot Grandad.
Hurry up and shoot, Grandad.

4. David said the astronaut was scared.
David, said the astronaut, was scared.
5. She found, to her, horror films were boring.
She found to her horror, films were boring.
6. All the time machines were getting more intelligent and powerful.
All the time, machines were getting more intelligent and powerful.

Green

1. I love my parents, Kylie Minogue and Kermit the frog.
I love my parents Kylie Minogue and Kermit the frog.
2. I want to thank my parents, Tiffany and God.
I want to thank my parents Tiffany and God.
3. James walked on his head, a little higher than usual.
James walked on, his head a little higher than usual.
4. When the lightning turned incredibly bright yellow, people began to get scared.
When the lightning turned incredibly bright, yellow people began to get scared.
5. The girl who didn't like spiders, was terrified.
The girl, who didn't like spiders, was terrified.
6. He brought home some old folders, and a doughnut which he ate as soon as he got hungry.
He brought home some old folders and a doughnut, which he ate as soon as he got hungry.
7. When she's not working she loves eating, her dog, and her family.
When she's not working she loves eating her dog and her family.