

# Lesson 5

Can I use commas for clarity?

# Fast five

Insert a colon in the correct place.

- 1) Jason has two favourite hobbies playing football and going bowling.
- 2) Sammy only missed one person Thomas.
- 3) She saw three of her friends at the park Charlotte, Archie and Simon.
- 4) Only one thing would make Christmas even more magical snow.
- 5) Most of the class were sporty twenty of them were in school teams.

# Fast five Answers

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- 5) Most of the class were sporty: twenty of them were in school teams.

Sometimes a comma can make a huge difference to the meaning of a sentence. Consider these two interpretations...

**Lower,  
please!**



**Lower please!**



Can you see how the use of a comma can change the meaning of this sentence?

Slow children crossing



Slow, children crossing



# Eat Daniel or Eat, Daniel

**Eat Daniel!**



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**Eat, Daniel!**



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Can you see how the use of a comma can change the meaning of these sentences.

Draw a sketch of what each sentence could look like.

- Now blow up the pipe!
- Now blow, up the pipe!
  
- Most of the time travellers take the bus.
- Most of the time, travellers take the bus.