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| **Grammar Masters: Teacher’s Notes****Topic: Commas for a list**  |
| Commas mark a slight break or a brief pause between different parts of a sentence. They can be used in a range of ways. This unit will focus on using commas in a list. Commas are used to separate words and word groups in a simple series of three or more items. E.g. For dinner I had fish, chips and peas.A comma is not usually used at the end of a list. More commonly ‘and’ is used before the final item. There are some exceptions. E.g. For dinner I ate soup, cheese and crackers, and fruit salad. The comma has been used here before ‘and fruit salad’ to highlight that ‘cheese and crackers’ are part of the same dish.Encourage the children to read their work aloud to identify where there should be natural pauses in the sentence and to avoid the over use of ‘and or then’.  |

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