

SPAG Friday! Have a go at these SPAG questions

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Choose the correct form of the verb 'to have' to fit into these sentences.

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ANSWERS

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Now write a present perfect sentence using the correct form of the verb 'to have'.

Accept any accurate sentence that contains 'has' or 'have' and a past participle, e.g.

Tony has seen every episode of his favourite TV programme ever made.

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Can I use commas to clarify meaning?

Date and title to go in the back of
your books.

Can you give the reason that commas have been used in each of these example sentences?

Max had bought cheese, pears, sausage rolls and pickle, especially for the picnic.

Artem, who was only 9 years old, was a better piano player than many students twice his age.

“I was amazed at how much I had got done in the day,” she said.

In previous English lessons over the past few years, you may have learnt about how commas can do these things:

- To separate items in a list.
- After a fronted adverbial.
- To indicate extra information in a sentence (such as a relative clause)
- After direct speech.

Today's lesson is about how commas can change the entire meaning of a sentence!



Eat Daniel!	Eat, Daniel!

How could we illustrate these phrases here?

How does the comma change the meaning of the sentences?

Have a go at drawing the illustrations - you have 4 minutes to do a sketch.

Add the commas into the sentences to make sure the meaning is clear:

- 1) As the campers sat round the fire eating the bear stayed in the bushes.
- 2) While the onions were cooking soup was brought from the shop.
- 3) He was cold without his jacket even though the sun was shining.
- 4) David who was in year six had lots to say about most subjects.
- 5) If you have got everything you need then we are ready to go.

Write the sentences out and include where the punctuation should be.

We will go through the answers.

Black Cat Grammar Challenge- Make Two Meanings

Can you use commas in the following sentences to ensure there are two different ways to read them?

Some sentences may just need to be left without commas.

- 1) The view I imagined was amazing.
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- 2) He brought home some old folders and a donut which he ate
as soon as he got hungry.
He brought home some old folders and a donut which he ate
as soon as he got hungry.
- 3) Hurry up and shoot grandad.
Hurry up and shoot grandad.
- 4) When she's not working| she loves eating her dog and her
family.