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Commas

Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity.

Use commas to mark the subordinate clauses and clarify meaning in these sentences.

The elephant who had huge ears was not happy to swim in the pond.

The zookeeper who was mildly concerned decided to call the vet.

The vet was an elephant specialist. He practised homeopathy acupuncture and conventional medicine.

The vet who had a keen eye for detail noticed that the elephant was not putting weight on one foot.

The elephant and the keeper were much relieved when the vet while bending to get a better view managed to pull a thorn out of the elephant’s foot.

Where does the comma go? Use the pictures to identify the meaning of these sentences and rewrite them correctly.

	<p>If we decided not to swim then Lucy would be pleased.</p>	
	<p>If we decided not to swim then Lucy would be pleased.</p>	
	<p>Witch Esmerelda enjoys cooking her children and her cat.</p>	
	<p>Slow children crossing.</p>	
	<p>I'm sorry we are still friends.</p>	

Year 5 Answers

In some questions, alternative answers may be acceptable. The likeliest answers are given below. If questions have more than one answer, teachers should use their own judgement when marking.

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The elephant, who had huge ears, was not happy to swim in the pond.

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The elephant and the keeper were much relieved when the vet, while bending to get a better view, managed to pull a thorn out of the elephant's foot.

If we decided not to swim then, Lucy would be pleased.

If we decided not to swim, then Lucy would be pleased.

Witch Esmerelda enjoys cooking, her children and her cat.

Slow, children crossing.

I'm sorry, we are still friends.