

The Homing Parrot

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Meanwhile, Mister P was flying faster than he had ever flown before. He knew the pirates were in danger and it was up to him to send for the rescue partywell, rescue personer, I suppose I mean rescue boy! Cabin Boy Egg was his only hope. He found Egg on the poop deck sorting things into piles and making lists.

"I was wondering when you lot were coming back!" Egg remarked when he saw Mister P land on the railings.

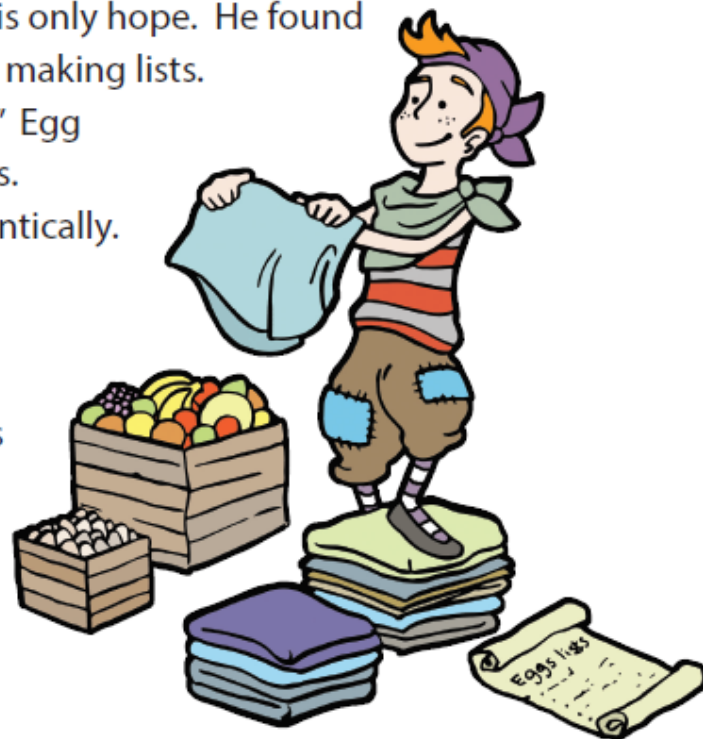
"Scurvy dogs! Scurvy dogs!" squawked Mister P frantically.

"There's no need to be rude to me," answered Egg.

"I've been doing a lot of cleaning and tidying while you lot have been away. I've washed the doublets, waistcoats, shirts and Stragglebeard's smelly socks!"

"Black Pirates! Black Pirates!" screeched the parrot.

"Look at this!" declared Egg ignoring Mister P's protests. "I've made a list of all the things I've done."



Lesson One : Activity

We use commas to separate things in a list.

no comma here

e.g. Mrs Watson has prepared maths , spellings and writing activities for us.



The comma is placed after each item in the list but NOT before the 'and'.

Pirates

I can use commas in lists.



Correctly punctuate Egg's list using commas.

Egg's list of jobs:

- 1 I've scrubbed the cannon the cannonballs the anchor and the poop deck.
- 2 I've washed the topsail the mainsail and Barnaby's breeches.
- 3 I've folded Stragglebeard's waistcoats the Captain's doublets my shirts and Barnaby's long johns.



Complete these lists and then add the commas where they are needed.

- 4 I've cleaned the frying pan the saucepan
- 5 I've painted the crow's nest the hatch

Now complete his other lists using commas.

- 6 In the fruit box we have got
- 7 In the vegetable box we have got

Extension

Make a list of things that you would expect to find in a treasure chest.

Lesson Two: Activity

In each group, one of the sentences has the commas placed correctly.

Tick the sentence that has the commas in the right place.

- a) I had chicken, rice and vegetables for dinner.
 - b) I had chicken rice and vegetables for dinner.
 - c) I had, chicken, rice, and vegetables for dinner.
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- a) This year John is playing football cricket and volleyball.
 - b) This year John, is playing football cricket, and volleyball.
 - c) This year John is playing football, cricket and volleyball.
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- a) Timothy's favourite colours are blue orange yellow and green.
 - b) Timothy's favourite colours are blue, orange, yellow and green.
 - c) Timothy's favourite colours, are blue, orange, yellow and green.

Write three list sentences of your own, with the commas used correctly.
