

# Commas for Clarity

## Answers

### Part A

Add commas to the following sentences to clarify their meaning.

1. I would like to buy a football, a book, some pens and a computer game. 1 mark
2. I keep fit by running, swimming, dancing and playing tennis. 1 mark
3. My uncle, who lives in Australia, sent me a toy kangaroo. 1 mark
4. My best friend, a girl called Janine, lives down the road. 1 mark

### Part B

Which sentence has the correct punctuation? Tick **one**.

- Slowly turning the key, the girl tried to unlock the cellar door.
- Slowly, turning the key the girl, tried to unlock the cellar door.
- Slowly turning the key the girl tried to unlock, the cellar door.  1 mark

### Part C

Look at each sentence and work out why commas have been used. Draw a line to match each sentence to the correct reason.

1. Although I enjoy helping with the cooking, I hate doing the washing up.	a) To separate items in a list
2. My favourite fruits are apples, bananas, strawberries and melons.	b) To mark the end of a subordinate clause
3. The town's only swimming pool, where I've been swimming since I was a baby, is unfortunately closing down.	c) To mark the start and end of a relative clause

3 marks

## Part D

1. Insert a comma into the following sentence, so that its meaning is clear.

*My favourite things are climbing, my dog and reading.*

1 mark

2. Explain why the comma is important in this sentence.

*An explanation that refers to commas in a list, and the need to clarify that the speaker does not climb the dog.*

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1 mark

**Total:** 10 marks

