#### **Recognising Commas to Avoid Recognising Commas to Avoid Ambiguity Ambiguity** 1a. Explain how the comma changes the 1b. Explain how the commas change the meaning of the sentences below. meaning of the sentences below. You need to tidy up, Rachel. Shall we eat grandad? You need to tidy up Rachel. Shall we eat, grandad? 2a. Label the boxes A, B or C where 2b. Label the boxes A, B or C where A means a comma should be used, A means a comma should be used, B means a comma could be used and B means a comma could be used and C means a comma should never be used. C means a comma should never be used. Julian loves cooking his family and Max loves his friends reading comics dogs and computer games. watching television. Convince me. Convince me. 3a. Look at the sentence below. 3b. Look at the sentence below. Julie saw a giraffe, holding a pink There was a man carrying a little balloon. girl wearing pyjamas. Which statement is true? Which statement is true? A) Julie was holding a pink balloon. A) The man was wearing pyjamas. B) The giraffe was holding a pink balloon. B) The girl was wearing pyjamas. Rewrite the sentence so the other Rewrite the sentence so the other statement is true. statement is true.



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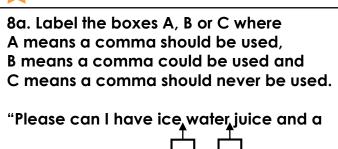
# **Recognising Commas to Avoid Ambiguity** 7a. Explain how the comma changes the meaning of the sentences below. Despite everything, my friends, Joe and Carrie (who lived in London) were always of chilli and rice. welcome. Despite everything, my friends, Joe and Carrie, (who lived in London) were always welcome. of chilli, and rice.

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7b. Explain how the commas change the meaning of the sentences below.

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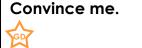
8b. Label the boxes A, B or C where A means a comma should be used, B means a comma could be used and C means a comma should never be used.

cup of tea?" shouted Molly (a little louder).

As she watched the game (and the

clock), she realised that she loved people who play football better than Dave.

Convince me.



9a. Look at the sentence below.

After the meeting, the CEO (in her pinstriped suit) finished her hotdog smothered in ketchup.

9b. Look at the sentence below.

When I was walking home from school, I noticed a small girl walking a dog with floppy ears.

Which statement is true?

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- A) The CEO was smothered in ketchup.
- A) The girl had floppy ears.
- B) The hot dog was smothered in ketchup.

B) The dog had floppy ears.

Rewrite the sentence so the other statement is true.

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