



Punctuation in Lists

Today's Standard

5.L.2a - Use punctuation to separate items in a series.*

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing grocery lists with commas; Creating to-do lists; Writing sentences with multiple adjectives; Listing items in letters or emails; Cataloging books or movies; Describing a sequence of actions in stories; Documenting steps in a recipe; Organizing ideas in a presentation

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to use commas to separate items in a list, like apples, oranges, and bananas. This helps make our writing clear and easy to understand.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think commas in lists are optional, but they are important for clarity. Another mistake is not using a comma before 'and' in the last item of a list.

Quiz Me

- What do we use to separate items in a list?
- Can you give an example of a list with commas?
- What is the comma before 'and' called?
- Why do we use commas in lists?
- Can you write a list of three things you like?

Help Me

We use commas to separate items in a list to make our writing clear. For example, in a grocery list: apples, oranges, and bananas. This helps us understand each item separately.