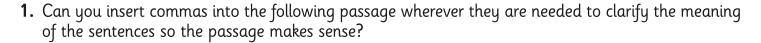
## Application Activity

I can use commas to clarify the meaning of a sentence.



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2. Can you make up some sentences that might need commas to clarify their meanings?

"It's going to be a good day break can't be far off," he said.

"They're off home work to do," she replied.

"They know schools out here in the country," said his wife.

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## **Using Commas to Clarify Meaning**

**Answers** 

**1.** Can you insert commas into the following passage wherever they are needed to clarify the meaning of the sentences so the passage makes sense?

One day, a motorist was driving along, humming, singing and talking. As he looked out of the window, he noticed a sign. 'Slow — Children crossing' it said. "Careful, children!" said his wife, who was sitting alongside him. Outside, he saw clouds, a school and children everywhere. Some were already eating, friends walking alongside them.

"It's going to be a good day, break can't be far off," he said.

"They're off home, work to do," she replied.

"They know schools, out here in the country," said his wife.

2. Multiple possible answers.