

# Serial Commas

Commas are used to separate three or more elements in a list or series.

Note: The final comma , called the serial comma or the Oxford comma, is optional and comes before the 'and'.



I bought fruit, vegetables **and** milk at the shop.  
I bought fruit, vegetables, **and** milk at the shop.

Both are correct, as long as you are consistent.

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Sometimes the serial comma is necessary to avoid confusion.

Simon dedicated his award to his parents, Spiderman and Wonder Woman.

Using a serial comma makes the meaning clearer.



Simon's parents are not Spiderman and Wonderwoman!

Using a serial comma here will reduce confusion.

Simon dedicated his award to his parents **and** Spiderman **and** Wonder Woman!