



Bayview High

Dear Liz
Chapter 17: It's a Date

Working with Words—Using Commas

Commas are punctuation marks that are used to make a sentence easier to understand.

Commas can:

- Mark a pause in a sentence.

For example: Slowly, she stuffed her books into her backpack.

- Separate items in a series.

For example: Liz was so angry she didn't want to check her e-mail, write answers, or hand in her copy to Rachel.

- Separate dialogue from the rest of the sentence.

For example: "I'll talk to you later," she snapped.

Find one example of each use of the comma from Chapter Seventeen.

1. Marks a pause _____
2. Separates a series _____
3. Marks dialogue _____