

# Commas in a series

Ex:

(commas in series)

They had snow, rain, sleet,  
and hail.

## PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- A:** Read the sentence, please.
- B:** *They had snow, rain, sleet, and hail.*
- A:** Great. Why are there commas after *snow, rain, sleet, and hail*?
- B:** Because these are items in a series.
- A:** That's right! Here's a question for you. Do you know which one of these commas is optional?
- B:** What do you mean?
- A:** You could leave out one of these commas if you want to. Which one?
- B:** The last one?
- A:** That's right. Do you know why?
- B:** Because of the word *and*?
- A:** . . . That's exactly right. The word *and* separates these items. So you could put the comma there if you want to, but that one is your choice. Good job!

