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!



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