

**Area of English:** Writing

**Skill:** Use of commas

## YOU WILL NEED...

### Resources:

There are downloadable resources available to accompany this lesson.

### Equipment:

Sentence cards, cones, sorting sheet.



### Instructions:

1. Cut up the sentence cards prior to the lesson – there are two sets, one set containing commas and one set without.
2. Create a course (this may be just running in a straight line or could extend to running in and out of cones or through a 'track') spreading the cards out around the lap for pupils to collect.
3. Pupils are all Formula 1 cars and race in small teams to complete the race. Give pupils a set amount of time to complete laps of the track (e.g. 5 mins). Pupils take turns in their teams to complete a lap of the track, picking up a sentence card on their way.
4. When a pupil returns with a sentence card, the team work together to decide the reason that their sentence requires a comma and write the sentence number in the correct column.
5. When they think they have the sentence number in the correct column, the next team member can complete a lap, returning the sentence card and collecting a new one.
6. Repeat until all the cards are gone. Pupils can mark each other's use of the commas. Whichever team wrote the most correctly punctuated sentences are the Formula 1 champions.

### Teacher Tip:

For a more challenging game, use the set of cards without commas and ask pupils to write out the sentence in the correct column on their grid, including the necessary commas.

