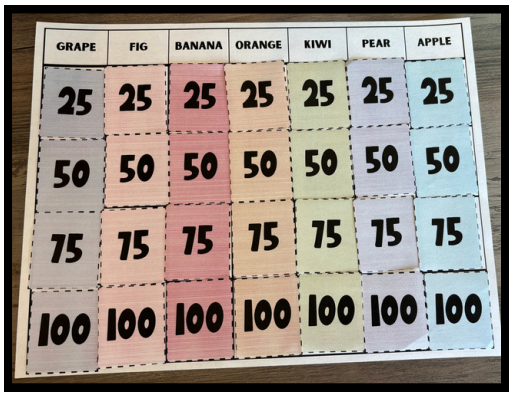
COMMA RULES

Students will need to review the comma rules page before starting the game.
The game board has two pages that will need to be cut out and put together. *See attached example* (A black and white version is also available as well as a blank game board if you would like to change sentences out and reuse it.)
Students will take turns picking spaces on the board. They must pick a fruit and how many points they'd like to try to win.
If they choose a box with 25 points, they will need to read the sentence and decide if it is correct or incorrect.
If they choose a box with 50 points, they will need to read the sentence and add the correct commas.
If they choose a box with 75 or 100 points, they will need to write a sentence using the stated comma rule.
Students will only earn points if their answer is correct. (The answer sheet is attached.)
The student or group with the most points wins.



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ADD A COMMA BEFORE ANY FANBOYS COORDINATING CONJUNCTION THAT LINKS TWO INDEPENDENT CLAUSES.

"I have to go buy fruit for the bake sale, but I am very tired."

USE A COMMA TO SEPARATE THREE OR MORE ITEMS IN A SERIES/LIST.

"I grabbed apples, bananas, and oranges."

ADD A COMMA AFTER A WORD, A PHRASE, OR A DEPENDENT CLAUSE THAT INTRODUCES THE MAIN INDEPENDENT CLAUSE.

"If I get a pack of graham crackers, I can make a pie."

USE COMMAS TO CONTAIN WORDS AND PHRASES NON-ESSENTIAL TO THE MEANING OF THE SENTENCE.

"This fruit section is huge, which is great, but it's also very overwhelming."

USE COMMAS TO CONTAIN WORDS OR PHRASES THAT INTERRUPT AN INDEPENDENT CLAUSE.

"Cake, however, would also be very yummy."

USE COMMAS TO CONTAIN NAMES OR TITLES OF A PERSON DIRECTLY ADDRESSED.

"Excuse me, ma'am, coming through with my groceries."

USE COMMAS TO CONTAIN APPOSITIVES: WORDS OR PHRASES THAT DESCRIBE OR IDENTIFY A PRECEDING NOUN OR PRONOUN.

"Strawberries, a very sweet fruit, would be great for a tart ."

USE COMMAS TO CONTAIN QUOTATIONS IN A SENTENCE.

When the employee said, "The berries are in season," it made me crave a berry compote.

ADD COMMAS TO SEPARATE CONTRASTING IDEAS OR AN AFTERTHOUGHT.

"I wish they had exotic fruits, not ten different types of apples."

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25	25	25	25	25	25	25
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GRAPE	FIG	BANANA	ORANGE	KIWI	PEAR	APPLE
Sometimes I like to make apple pie, but I might make cherry pie.	I'm going to need strawberries blackberries blueberries, and raspberries.	If I start baking now, I might be finished before bed time.	My banana loaf is so soft, which is not my favorite, but everybody seems to love it.	My cannoli's, honestly, might be my favorite thing I bake.	Give me a minute, honey let me finish whisking this mixture.	Sarah, my number one customer wants a birthday cake.
When my daughter said "I want a unicorn birthday" I knew I had to make her the best unicorn cake.	I know my cake pops sell very well but I dislike making them.	I'm going to need 10 pounds of flour but I only have 8.	I'll need to take out my whisk bowl spatula and measuring cups.	If it rains tomorrow I will need to cancel the bake sale.	When the customer said "Can I please get 50 of those" I knew it was going to be a busy day.	Sugar although unhealthy makes every dessert better.
Coordinating Conjunction	Three or more items in a series/list	Directly Address	Contains Quotations	Coordinating Conjunction	Three or more items in a series/list	Directly Address
Dependent Clause	Non-Essential	Interrupt an independent Clause	Appositives	Contrasting Ideas	Dependent Clause	Non-Essential

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			ANSWER KEY			
Correct	Incorrect	Correct	Correct	Correct	Incorrect	Incorrect
When my daughter said, "I want a unicorn birthday," I knew I had to make her the best unicorn cake.	I know my cake pops sell very well, but I dislike making them.	I'm going to need 10 pounds of flour, but I only have 8.	I'll need to take out my whisk, bowl, spatula, and measuring cups.	If it rain tomorrow, I will need to cancel the bake sale.	When the customer said, "Can I please get 50 of those," I knew it was going to be a busy day.	Sugar, although unhealthy, makes every dessert better.
Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.
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