

The comma

The *comma* is for small, short breaks,
And for lists the writer makes.

Commas are used to replace the very short pauses for breath that you take naturally at certain points when you say something. Try these. The first one is done for you.

Mehmet hated swimming but he dived in.

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The dog hearing them leave started to howl.

Leaping the fence the horse came towards him.

I'd buy the red one I think if I were you.

Commas are also used to separate words in a list, unless the word "and" does this already. Try these. The first one is done for you.

He bought eggs butter cheese and yogurt.

He bought eggs, butter, cheese and yogurt.

She sprinted down the long dark narrow lane.

Everyone was running jumping and shouting in the playground.
