Using Commas to Separate Items in a List

Commas are a common punctuation mark, with many uses.

They tell the reader to pause but not for as long as a full stop.

They are used instead of 'and' to separate items on a list and make sentences which are more pleasant to read.



The fire was burning so fast that X-Ray Man and Ice Woman and Speedy Man and Strong Man were all needed to put it out.

The fire was burning so fast that X-Ray Man, Ice Woman, Speedy Man and Strong Man were all needed to put it out.

A comma is not normally used between the final two items on the list.

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