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Scavenger Hunt: Lists

Directions: Review the rules for how to write and punctuate items in a list. Then complete the scavenger hunt below. You'll be hunting through the February 2018 issue of *Scope*.

Rules for Writing and Punctuating Lists

1. If you have more than two items in a list of nouns, separate them with a comma. Separate the final item in the list with the word *and* or *or*.

Example: "She might be dressed in a tutu, a pilot's hat, or a vest that says "Pet Me!"

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Note: There are different opinions about whether it's always necessary to place a comma before the *and* or the *or* that comes before the last item. In the U.S., it is common to use this final comma—so unless you are told otherwise, go ahead and place a comma between the last two items in a list.

2. For a list of just two items, no comma is necessary—simply add the word *and* or *or* between the items.

Example: "Lilou is a therapy animal, meaning she provides comfort and affection."

1. Go to page 4, which is the beginning of the nonfiction article "Escape From Slavery." The subheading includes a list. Write the subheading here:

Which rule from the box above was followed to write and punctuate this list? (Check one.)

Rule 1

Rule 2

2. Go to page 6 in the same article. Find the sentence about Harriet Tubman's two oldest sisters that includes a list. Write the sentence here:

Why isn't there a comma after *Soph*?

3. Go to page 12 in "The Rise of the Kid Chef." Read the sentence that begins "That started to change . . ."

Rewrite that sentence, but remove one item from the list:

5. Write a sentence about any of the articles in the February 2018 issue of *Scope*. Your sentence must include a list of three or more items.

4. Go to page 16 in *The Lost King*. Read SD2's first line in Scene 3.

Imagine the king was also wearing a tattered scarf. Rewrite SD2's line accordingly:

6. Write a sentence about any of the articles in the February 2018 issue of *Scope*. This time, your sentence must include just two items.
