Using commas in lists - answers

Here is Rajinda’s diary with the commas added.

15th June 2001

Today the family were going to come over for tea, so I was really busy. First thing this morning I got the cleaning done, put on all the washing, hoovered the house, cleaned the windows and then put the washing on the line.

After that I took the bus to town, went to the market to get the vegetables, went to get a bag of rice, went to the butcher’s, (then) picked up the dry cleaning and got some flowers on my way home.

When I got home I did the ironing, chopped all the vegetables, made the sauces, cooked the vegetables, (then) added the meat and (then) left that to cook while I got ready.

When my parents came in the evening I served the meal, did the washing up, watched some TV, (then) tidied up and now I have finally got time to write my diary.

Remember
Don't use commas between proper sentences. You often need to take out words like 'and' or 'I' so that the sentences flow better.

Try reading the diary out loud.

Have a go at writing your own diary about what you did at the weekend.