

# Use Brackets to Show Parenthesis (Extra Information) Answers

Sometimes we want to add a bit of extra information to a sentence as an afterthought. If we left out this extra word or phrase, the main sentence would still make sense. This is called parenthesis. There's an example of parenthesis in the title of this worksheet!

For each of these sentences, can you add a parenthesis in the space? There's a hint word to help you think what to write. Have a look at these examples.

e.g. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ never brushes his hair! **[hint: cool]**  
*My brother (who thinks he's really cool) never brushes his hair!*

e.g. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ never brushes his hair! **[hint: name?]**  
*My brother (who's called Jason) never brushes his hair!*

1. I watched a horror film (Haunted Dreams) \_\_\_\_\_  
and it really scared me! **[hint: title?]**
2. Dinosaurs (which are now extinct) \_\_\_\_\_  
were a type of reptile. **[hint: extinct]**
3. We're not allowed peanut butter (sandwiches) \_\_\_\_\_  
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts. **[hint: packed lunch]**
4. The bats (which are nocturnal) \_\_\_\_\_  
sleep in our attic during the day. **[hint: nocturnal]**
5. I lost my phone (which I got for my birthday) \_\_\_\_\_  
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride. **[hint: birthday present]**
6. We made popcorn (sweet & salty) \_\_\_\_\_  
for my birthday party. **[hint: type?]**
7. Simone (who is from Spain) \_\_\_\_\_  
doesn't speak much English yet. **[hint: from where?]**
8. We were helping the caretaker (who had a bad back) \_\_\_\_\_  
to carry all the chairs into the hall. **[hint: back ache]**

9. There aren't many apples left (there were lots earlier)  
because we used them to make a pie. **[hint: lots earlier]**
10. 'Blue Peter' (a popular children's programme)  
has been on TV since the 1960s. **[hint: children's programme]**
11. Put some cushions (four will be plenty)  
on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film. **[hint: how many?]**
12. My dog (whose name is Pickles)  
is a very curly labradoodle. **[hint: name?]**

## Challenge

Now write three sentences of your own. Each one should be a complex sentence and include a parenthetical piece of information. Remember to use brackets!

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Use Brackets, Dashes and Commas to Show Parenthesis Answers

## Task 1

For each of these sentences, add an extra information clause (parenthesis) in the spaces. Remember to mark the start and end of your parenthesis with **brackets, commas or dashes**. Vary your punctuation; don't use just one!

e.g. My brother never brushes his hair!

*My brother, who thinks he's really cool, never brushes his hair! OR*

*My brother - Jason - never brushes his hair OR*

*My brother (the scruffiest boy in history) never brushes his hair!*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Use Brackets, Dashes and Commas to Show Parenthesis

## Task 1

For each of these sentences, add an extra information clause (parenthesis) to the noun or clause in **bold**. Remember to mark the start and end of your parenthesis with **brackets, commas** or **dashes**. Vary your punctuation; don't use just one!

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1. I'm going to **a party** on Saturday.

I'm going to a party (which is for Ben) on Saturday.

2. We saw **five elephants** at the zoo last week.

We saw five elephants (which were huge) at the zoo last week.

3. Never smile at **a crocodile** or you'll regret it!

Never smile at a crocodile - especially an adult - or you'll regret it!

4. Mum's promised us **hot chocolate** after swimming club.

Mum's promised us hot chocolate, which is my favourite drink, after swimming club.

5. We won the **5-a-side match** easily.

We won the 5-a-side match (which was 40 minutes long) easily.

## Task 2

For each of these sentences, you need to choose a suitable parenthesis from the box and work out where it should go. Remember to mark the start and end of your parenthesis with brackets, commas or dashes. Vary your punctuation; don't just use one!

e.g. The main door of the office is in the basement.

*The front door (with the square 'enter' button to press) is in the basement.*

1. My favourite teddy has only one ear.

My favourite teddy - he's called Marvin - has only one ear.

2. The Empire State building is in New York.

The Empire State building (381m high) is in New York.

3. Most smart phones can be used to play games.

Most smart phones - the kind with touch screens - can be used to play games.

4. The cycle track went right through the woods.

The cycle track, which was full of potholes, went right through the woods.

5. You'll never guess what I heard Sadie say to Katie!

You'll never guess what I heard Sadie (my sister's friend) say to Katie!

which was full of pot holes	the kind with touch screens	my sister's friend
with the square 'enter' button to press	he's called Marvin	381m high

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1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_