

Y5 Parenthesis

KS2 Y5 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Add commas for parenthesis: 'My brother who is only six can already swim.'

Step 1 · Find the extra information

who is only six

Step 2 · Test: remove it

My brother can already swim. ✓

Step 3 · Put a comma before and after

My brother, who is only six, can already swim.

Answer: My brother, who is only six, can already swim.

Check: Two commas, one on each side.

2. Now try one with the steps

Add brackets: 'The concert starts at 7 pm doors open at 6.30 and lasts two hours.'

Step 1 · Find the extra detail

Step 2 · Put it in brackets

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What are the three ways to punctuate parenthesis?

2. Write out the parenthesis: 'Our teacher, Mrs Hughes, loves poetry.'

3. Write out the parenthesis: 'The Thames (the longest river entirely in England) flows through London.'

4. Add commas: 'Wales a country of castles has over 600 of them.'

5. Add brackets: 'Ben Nevis 1,345 metres is the highest mountain in Britain.'

6. Add dashes: 'The dragon huge and furious burst out of the cave.'

7. Is this correct? 'The cake, which took hours to bake) was delicious.'

8. Test the parenthesis: what is left when you remove it? 'My aunt – a brilliant cook – made the cake.'

9. Rewrite with dashes: 'The film, which won three awards, was excellent.'

10. Add parenthesis to give extra information: 'The Great Fire of London destroyed thousands of homes.'

11. Why might a writer choose dashes instead of commas?

12. Why might brackets suit a non-fiction report?

13. Add a relative clause: 'Stonehenge is in Wiltshire.'

14. Correct the punctuation: 'My best friend – Amara, is moving to Glasgow.'

4. Before you hand it in

Only one mark: 'My dog, who is old still loves walks.'

My dog, who is old, still loves walks.

Mixing marks: 'My dog (who is old, still loves walks).'

My dog (who is old) still loves walks.

Bracketing words the sentence needs: 'The film (was) brilliant.'

Test by removing it: if the sentence breaks, it isn't parenthesis.

Using a hyphen (-) with no spaces dash

Write a longer line with a space on each side: 'The cave – dark and cold – ...'