

Diary Writing

Learning Objectives

In this lesson you will:

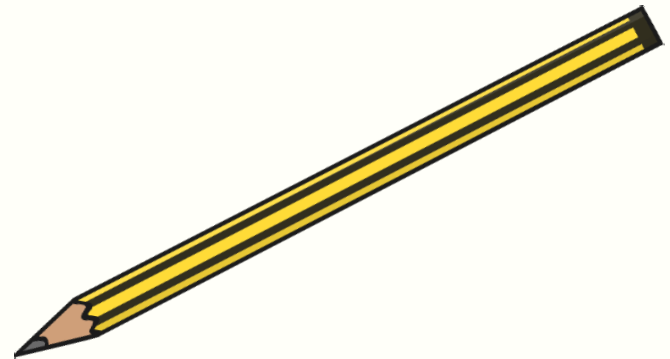
- Revise using brackets.
- Begin to plan a diary entry.

What is Parenthesis?

Parenthesis is a word, phrase or sentence that is put in writing as extra information or an afterthought. If you took the parenthesis away, the passage would still be complete without it.

Here are three examples of parenthesis. The first is just a word, the second is a phrase and the third is a complete sentence.

- The Narcissus (daffodil) is a spring plant with yellow petals.
- My brother (the one who lives in Australia) is coming to the wedding.
- Manchester United won the league today. (It was exciting.)



Where do I put the brackets?

Only put brackets around the parenthesis itself.

Check that your sentence still makes sense if you don't read the bit you have put in brackets.

Which sentence has the brackets in the right place?

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Sentence 'c' has the brackets around the parenthesis (the extra bit of information). The sentence still makes sense without this piece of information.

A Complete Sentence

Sometimes, a parenthesis might be a complete sentence, not just a word or a phrase. When this happens, the capital letter and full stop are both put inside the brackets.

The passage of writing still needs to make sense if you take the parenthesis away.

E.g. Today we went on a trip to York. (I had never been to York before.)

Other Ways to Mark Parenthesis

In this session we have looked at using brackets for parenthesis but this is not the only way that parenthesis can be shown.

Commas

Commas can be used just like brackets for parenthesis, usually in less formal writing.

E.g. The newspaper, which is normally delivered at 9:30, did not come today.

Dashes

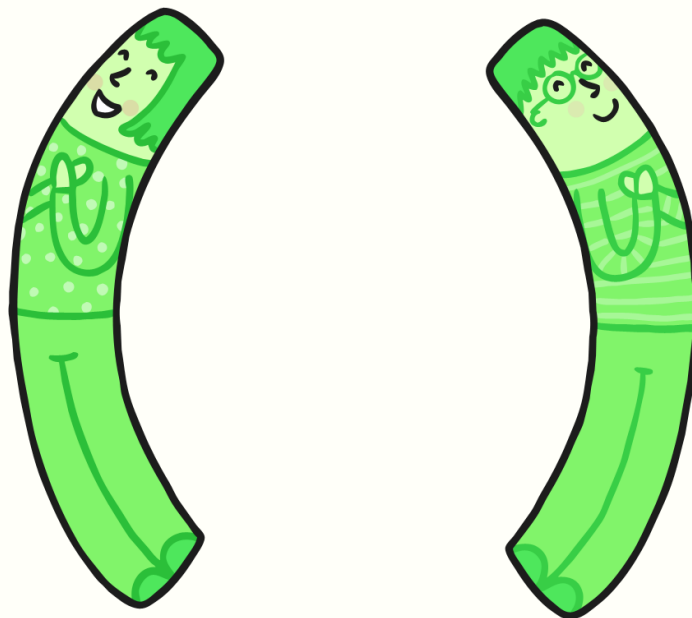
Dashes can be used like brackets but usually only in informal writing. They interrupt the sentence more than brackets or commas so use them carefully.

E.g. Tonight I'm going out – I never turn down a night out – to the cinema.



Review

- Use parenthesis to add extra information or insert an afterthought.
- Brackets are placed around the parenthesis.
- A sentence / passage must still make sense if the parenthesis is removed.



Your Task:

Now complete the worksheets on brackets that is in your home learning pack.

Use Brackets to Show Parenthesis (Extra Information)

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 _____
and it really scared me! [hint: title?]
2. Dinosaurs _____
were a type of reptile. [hint: extinct]
3. We're not allowed peanut butter _____
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts. [hint: packed lunch]
4. The bats _____
sleep in our attic during the day. [hint: nocturnal]
5. I lost my phone _____
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride. [hint: birthday present]
6. We made popcorn _____
for my birthday party. [hint: type?]
7. Simone _____
doesn't speak much English yet. [hint: from where?]
8. We were helping the caretaker _____
to carry all the chairs into the hall. [hint: back ache]

9. There aren't many apples left _____
because we used them to make a pie. [hint: lots earlier]
10. 'Blue Peter' _____
has been on TV since the 1960s. [hint: children's programme]
11. Put some cushions _____
on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film. [hint: how many?]
12. My dog _____
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. _____

Your Writing Task: Diary Entry

You are going to write a diary entry, pretending to be William, considering what has happened to him in the first chapter of the novel.

You are going to use the planning sheet included in your home learning pack to plan this diary entry.

William's Diary: Planning Sheet

<u>Key things to include in my diary from Chapter One</u>	<u>How William feels at that point:</u>



Sentences I could include that use brackets:

Challenge - Similes and Metaphors that I could include:

