Commas for Extra Information



Use commas to separate extra information in a sentence.

Keith and Mike, who'd never met before, got on really well.

The sentence should still make sense when the extra information is removed.

1 **Rewrite the sentences, adding in commas where they are needed.**

The bun which had lots of icing was delicious.

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The theme which was films was very popular.

.....

Mildred my cat is very fierce.

.....

2 **Add commas in the correct places in the passage below.**

Today on our school trip to the zoo we had a picnic. Nick the youngest boy in our class brought a selection pack of crisps. The salt and vinegar flavoured crisps which are always everyone's favourite went first. Georgina my best friend brought a big box of biscuits. The custard creams which are my favourites were very popular. The digestives a much more boring kind of biscuit were also very popular. We did have some fruit mainly oranges and bananas as well.

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3 **Rewrite the sentences below adding the extra information in the boxes. Use commas where they are needed.**

The competition was won by Mr Smith. (which was very difficult)

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Paris is home to the Eiffel Tower. (the capital of France)

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The fire destroyed the house. (which continued through the night)

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4 **Use extra information to complete each sentence. Remember to put commas in the correct places.**

My sister .....

is a professional chess player.

My friends .....

always laugh at my singing.

My mum baked apple pie .....

and it was delicious.

The dog .....

ate all of its food straight away.

"I can use commas to separate extra information."



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Brackets for Extra Information



A pair of brackets (or parentheses) separate extra information in a sentence.

Brian and George (two tortoises) have lived there for thirty years.

The brackets go around the extra information.

1 **Rewrite each of these sentences, adding a pair of brackets to each one.**

The ship a cruise liner left at nine o'clock.

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Martin Victoria's husband is a professional artist.

.....

The snow six feet deep meant we stayed at home.

.....

Alan rushed into the café the one behind the library.

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2 **Complete each of these sentences by writing something in the gaps between the brackets.**

The school trip (.....) was a disaster.

Wendy (.....) liked going for long walks.

The farmers (.....) went on holiday.

Mike's bedroom (.....) is pretty small.

"I can use brackets to add extra information."



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Dashes for Extra Information



A pair of dashes adds information in the same way as a pair of brackets.

Andrea and Caroline — the twin sisters — both play the piano.

1 **Each of these sentences needs a pair of dashes. Put them into the correct boxes.**

The ☐ whole family ☐ even Sam ☐ is going on holiday.

Niall's pig ☐ the pink ☐ spotty one ☐ loves having mud baths.

Our wedding ☐ seven months ☐ away ☐ will be ☐ on a boat.

The suitcase ☐ bulging ☐ and heavy ☐ wouldn't fit ☐ in the boot.

2 **Rewrite each of these sentences in the correct order using a pair of dashes.**

my dog enjoys chasing squirrels a German shepherd

.....

travelled to Scotland an American Keith's cousin

.....

3 **Complete each of these sentences by adding something between the dashes.**

Dr Katich —.....— arrived at work.

Susannah's car —.....— wouldn't start.

Ray made dinner —.....— in the kitchen.

Tim and Naomi —.....— started laughing.

"I can use dashes to add extra information."



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