Year 5 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Parenthesis Warm-Up



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What Is Parenthesis?

Parenthesis is the addition of extra information or an afterthought in our writing.

It can be a word, phrase or clause marked with brackets, dashes or commas.

When a parenthesis is removed, the sentence still makes grammatical sense.

e.g. I moved to Sheffield in 2011 (when I was six years old).

still makes sense as:

I moved to Sheffield in 2011.

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Parenthesis Punctuation

There are three possible ways to punctuate parenthesis.

Can you tell your partner the three possible ways to punctuate parenthesis?

- Commas ,
- Brackets ( )
- dashes –



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Spot the Parenthesis

Can you identify the parenthesis in the following sentences?

The narcissus, daffodil, is a spring plant with yellow petals.

My brother - the one who lives in Australia- is coming over for Christmas.

Ramchester won the league today (for the fifth season running).

Remember to only put brackets, dashes or commas around the parenthesis itself.

Check that your sentence still makes sense if you didn't read the part you have added the extra punctuation to.

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Adding Parenthesis

Write sentences about these pictures where you add a parenthesis:



Ready for action, Superman **(wearing his trademark red cape)** called his friends to join him in the fight against evil.



Supergirl showed the way **– despite being completely lost –** to find the villains.

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Adding Parenthesis

Make this story setting more exciting and interesting with the addition of **parenthesis**. There are a few hints but you might want to add your own excellent ideas...

The Adventures of Beetle Boy

By day, Beetle Boy is a normal boy **[hint: what is his name?]** who attends a normal primary school. But by night, he becomes the toughest superhero the world has ever seen **[hint: compare him to another superhero]** and spends his time fighting villains. His shell is so strong **[hint: what is his shell made out of?]** that he is able to withstand anything hitting him **[hint: give an example]** without even the slightest bruising.

If his friends ever realised the amazing powers he has **[hint: describe some of his powers]**, Beetle Boy would be asked to show them off every day at school. He knows that, as a superhero, he has sworn to keep his super powers a secret **[hint: explain how this makes him feel]** and use them only to protect the world from evil.

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Adding Parenthesis Answers

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The Adventures of Beetle Boy

By day, Beetle Boy is a normal boy**, called Billy,** who attends a normal primary school. But by night, he becomes the toughest superhero the world has ever seen **– even stronger than Iron Man –** and spends his time fighting villains. His shell is so strong **(possibly made out of space rock)** that he is able to withstand anything hitting him **– even a bullet –** without even the slightest bruising.

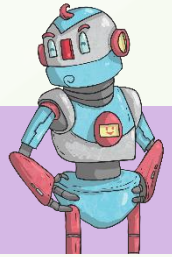
If his friends ever realised the amazing powers he has **(super strength, flying and walking up walls being just three of the many)**, Beetle Boy would be asked to show them off every day at school. He knows that, as a superhero, he has sworn to keep his super powers a secret**, which he doesn't always find very easy,** and use them only to protect the world from evil.

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Persuasive Parenthesis

Could you add parentheses to these advertising slogans to make them even more persuasive?

The Clean-o-Matic 3000 is the answer to all your cleaning needs!



Try Twinkl Pops today!



Tasteroids are a delicious, healthy snack!



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Persuasive Parenthesis Answers

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The Clean-o-Matic 3000, **the world's first housemaid robot**, is the answer to all your cleaning needs!



Try Twinkl Pops today **(just add milk)!**



Tasteroids – **available in five yummy flavours** - are a delicious, healthy snack!

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Quick Quiz 1

Decide where the punctuation for parenthesis should be in these sentences:

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

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

Some people don't like the rain (especially in England) but I do.

Many cats (but not all of them) sleep for 15 hours a day.

Ricki plays the guitar - I am sure he will be a rock star one day - in our school band.

Did you and your partner agree? If not, can you explain why?

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Quick Quiz 2

Identify whether the following sentences correctly use the punctuation for parenthesis:

Her father a spy drove his daughter – to the cinema – to meet friends.

Her father – a spy – drove his daughter to the cinema to meet friends.



I don't believe in UFOs (unidentified flying objects).



Shelly the captain, of the team, was a very skilful player.

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St. George, the patron saint of England, was a Roman soldier.



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