

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!

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!

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

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

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

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

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

2. The Empire State building is in New York.

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

4. The cycle track went right through the woods.

5. You'll never guess what I heard Sadie 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

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, dashes or commas.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
