

# 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).**

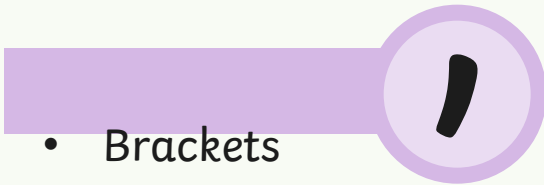
still makes sense as:

**I moved to Sheffield in 2011.**

# Parenthesis Punctuation

There are three possible ways to punctuate parenthesis.

- Commas



- Brackets



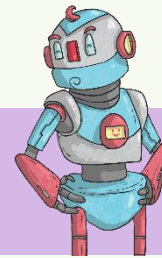
- dashes



# Persuasive Parenthesis Answers

I have added parentheses to these advertising slogans to make them even more persuasive?

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!



# Where does the punctuation go?

I have added the punctuation for parenthesis 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.

The punctuation goes around the clause which is added to give extra information to the sentence.

# Right or wrong?

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.

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



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



# Parenthesis Paragraph

Year 5 Punctuation: Brackets, Dashes and Commas to Indicate Parenthesis



Look at the paragraph below about the animals at Chester Zoo. Some of the words have been written in bold. Please rewrite the paragraph adding parenthesis about the words in bold. For example:

The monkey's **feeding time** is very popular with the visitors.

The monkey's **feeding time** (at 10.00 am each day) is very popular with the visitors.

You can choose whether to use commas, brackets or dashes.

**Hint:** You may wish to research Chester Zoo online with an adult before completing this activity.

**Chester Zoo** was first opened in 1931. There are over 500 species of animals and 125 acres of habitats to **explore!** For those interested in big cats, exotic **jaguars** can be observed in a replica of their natural habitat. There are also lions, cheetahs and tigers. For fans of reptiles, you can find all sorts of **scaly creatures** in the tropical house. The **elephants** are located near the main entrance. In addition to all of the animal species, there are also many **picnic areas**.

**Stop here!**

**Only go ahead when you have finished today's activity to check answers**

### Example Answers:

Chester Zoo, **a zoo in the North of England**, was first opened in 1931. There are over 500 species of animals and 125 acres of habitats to explore – **it's great fun for the whole family!** For those interested in big cats, exotic jaguars (**an endangered species in the wild**) can be observed in a replica of their natural habitat. There are also lions, cheetahs and tigers. For fans of reptiles, you can find all sorts of scaly creatures (**like snakes, and lizards**) in the tropical house. The elephants, **who are a popular attraction**, are located near the main entrance. In addition to all of the animal species, there are also many picnic areas – **fantastic outdoor places where you can enjoy your own food.**