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. _____
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2. _____
   _____
   _____

3. _____
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Use Brackets, Dashes and Commas to Show Parenthesis

Task 1

For each of these sentences, add an extra information clause (parenthesis) in the spaces. 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 watched a horror film _____ and it really scared me!

2. Dinosaurs _____ were a type of reptile.

3. We're not allowed peanut butter _____ in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts.

4. The bats _____ sleep in our attic during the day.

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    on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film.

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    is a very curly labradoodle.

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. _____

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2. _____

    _____

    _____

3. _____

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    _____

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!

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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. _____

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2. _____

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3. _____

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