

Homework/Extension

Step 1: Recognising Parenthesis

National Curriculum Objectives:

- (5G5.9) [Using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (5G5.9) [parenthesis](#)
- (5G5.9) [bracket](#)
- (5G5.9) [dash](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Tick the sentences which would be clearer if the parenthesis was demarcated accurately. Parenthesis is located mid-sentence. Sentences are single clauses with added parenthesis.

Expected Tick the sentences which would be clearer if the parenthesis was demarcated accurately. Parenthesis is located either mid-sentence or at the end of the sentence. Sentences are multi-clause with added parenthesis.

Greater Depth Tick the sentences which would be clearer if the parenthesis was demarcated accurately. Parenthesis is located either mid-sentence or at the end of the sentence. Sentences are multi-clause with added parenthesis. Commas may also be used for lists and adverbials within sentences.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Circle the type of information that the parenthesis gives us. Parenthesis is located mid-sentence. Sentences are single clauses with added parenthesis.

Expected Circle the type of information that the parenthesis gives us. Parenthesis is located either mid-sentence or at the end of the sentence. Sentences are multi-clause with added parenthesis.

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Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether the parenthesis is underlined correctly. Parenthesis is located mid-sentence. Sentences are single clauses with added parenthesis.

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1. Tick the two sentences which would be clearer if the parenthesis was demarcated accurately.

A. The hill a short walk from the church gives a great view of the countryside.	
B. Green sea turtles live in tropical coastal waters around the world.	
C. I will be taking part in a pentathlon which includes five different events next month.	
D. The wind was blowing wildly across the open grasslands of Africa.	



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2. Circle the type of information the parenthesis gives us.

Blake's dog – which is a black and white spaniel – loves to go for walks along the beach.

date

location

appearance



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3. Jed thinks he has underlined the parenthesis in his sentences. Is he correct? Explain why.



A. The soldier (valiant and selfless) ran towards the danger.

B. My neighbour, the one with the incredibly expensive car, leaves for work at half past five.



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4. Tick the two sentences which would be clearer if the parenthesis was demarcated accurately.

A. The heaviest giant squid ever recorded caught in 2007 weighed nine hundred kilograms and measured eighteen metres in length.	
B. Jade our school councillor always has immaculate manners setting a good example to the rest of our school.	
C. The brave knight sat nobly surveying the kingdom in front of him, aware that the time had come.	
D. The vicious dog immediately jumped at the man, baring its teeth and barking continuously.	



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5. Circle the type of information the parenthesis gives us.

The desert island – just off the Australian coast in the Pacific Ocean – is frequently visited by travellers seeking a quiet holiday destination.

description

location

date

appearance



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6. Mariam thinks she has underlined the parenthesis in her sentences. Is she correct? Explain why.



A. Everyone went to the fancy dress party wearing excellent costumes – pirates, witches and aliens.

B. James asked Malikah (his sister's best friend) whether she was going cycling this weekend.



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7. Tick the two sentences which would be clearer if the parenthesis was demarcated accurately.

A. That evening, we dined at a small Italian restaurant the one nearest to the railway station as it serves delicious pasta, pizzas and risotto.	
B. Tonight, it was a bold, courageous attempt but it was too often interrupted by the referee's whistle because of aggressive tactics.	
C. Beneath the silence, there was trembling among the trees and then the snap of a twig resonated like gunfire through the entire forest.	
D. As the clock struck midnight, speaking quickly and quietly, the man heart throbbing and hands shaking told of a confidential conversation he'd had with the prisoner in the tower.	



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8. Circle the type of information the parenthesis gives us.

Emerging from out of the cave, the beast's venomous drool dripped from its razor-sharp fangs and its horn spiked upwards like a mighty sword – it defeated anything in its path.

description

location

date

appearance



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9. Bella thinks she has underlined the parenthesis in her sentences. Is she correct? Explain why.



A. Although their journey was nearing its end, Tom, Blaze and Kyra found themselves in immediate danger – their path was blocked by enormous boulders.

B. Under the cover of darkness, the three adventurous children – Kyra, Blaze and Tom – went looking for the missing gold, but they were captured by the evil wizard.



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Developing

1. **A and C**

2. **appearance**

3. **A – He is correct because the additional information is non-essential and surrounded by brackets.**

B – He is incorrect because the underlined words are essential to the meaning of the sentence. He should have underlined 'the one with the incredibly expensive car' as this is additional, non-essential information about the neighbour which is also surrounded by commas.

Expected

4. **A and B**

5. **location**

6. **A – She is incorrect because the underlined words are essential to the meaning of the sentence and are not separated by dashes, commas or brackets. She should have underlined 'pirates, witches and aliens' as this is extra, non-essential information about the costumes, which is separated by a dash.**

B – She is correct because the additional information is non-essential and surrounded by brackets.

Greater Depth

7. **A and D**

8. **description**

9. **A – She is incorrect because she has underlined a subordinate clause. She should have underlined 'their path was blocked by enormous boulders' as this is extra, non-essential information about the danger, which is separated by a dash.**

B – She is incorrect because she has underlined an expanded noun phrase which is essential to the meaning of the sentence. She should have underlined 'Lyra, Blaze and Tom' as this is extra non-essential information about the children, and is surrounded by dashes.