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The Taj Mahal situated in India – is made from marble.		

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We chose to buy popcorn at the cinema –
My cat – – is called Zoggy.
We watched the farmer – – shear the sheep.

sweet and salted
a ginger Bengal
my dad's favourite TV programme
Mr Jones



3. Complete these sentences with appropriate information.

- a) My older brother - _____ - works in London.
- b) My favourite jumper - _____ - is still in the wash.
- c) My mum made sure she bought my favourite ice-cream flavours - _____
_____.

Challenge!

Add extra information about the nouns in bold. Rewrite the sentences with the additional information. Don't forget to use dashes in the correct place.

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- b) My sister is a keen gymnast.

- c) At my uncle's house we always eat fish and chips for dinner.



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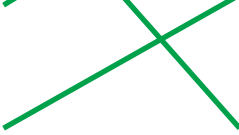


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- a) My older brother - who is a firefighter - works in London.
- b) My favourite jumper - the blue and green striped one - is still in the wash.
- c) My mum made sure she bought my favourite ice-cream flavours - vanilla, chocolate mint
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- b) My sister is a keen gymnast.
My sister - who is four years older than me - is a keen gymnast.
- c) At my uncle's house we always eat fish and chips for dinner.
At my uncle's house - a four hour drive away - we always eat fish and chips for dinner.

