

Punctuating parenthesis

Practise using commas, brackets and dashes



i Often, words, phrases and clauses are added to sentences. These words (called a parenthesis) provide extra information, but a sentence should still make sense without them. So that they don't interrupt the flow of the sentence, these words are put inside pairs of commas, brackets or dashes. Commas are the most commonly used parentheses for subordinate clauses; brackets and dashes work well with asides and explanations.

A

Underline the parenthesis in each sentence:

World War II a war that lasted from 1939 to 1945 was a global war.

I am going out if Mum will let me with my friends.

My best friend Anna has a really dreadful cold

That lovely dress the one she bought last week has been ripped.

B

Enclose the added information using a pair of commas or brackets:

It was quite hot about 75°C so we put the fans on.

The first man the one with the felt hat bought some apples.

Mr brother the older one is in the year above me at school.

I can't wait I really can't until we go on holiday.

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PRACTICE**

Put a pair of dashes in the correct places in the sentence:

A huge number of people nearly 50,000 came to watch the parade.

Write a sentence about the dog in the picture with some extra information about it in parentheses.

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CHALLENGE
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