

To use parenthesis

Brackets, dashes and commas show parentheses (plural of parenthesis).

Parenthesis is a word or clause inserted into a text to show an afterthought or as extra information.

A pair of brackets, commas or dashes can be used to enclose the extra information or afterthought. You can choose which to use depending on how you want the information to be read.

Examples

Brackets: The otter (who was very cute) swam down the river.

Brackets are used here as the parenthesis isn't vital to the sentence.

Commas: The otter, who was swimming in the river, caught a fish.

Commas are used here as the parenthesis is important to the sentence.

Dashes: The otter - who wasn't very clever – stood on some rocks.

Dashes are used here as the parenthesis is informal.

Task 1

Highlight the words that should be in brackets.

- Albert who was a happy alien enjoyed the day out.
- The wrecking ball which was operated by Albert smashed through the roof.

Now write the sentences in your home learning book using brackets.

Answers

- Albert (who was a happy alien) enjoyed the day out.
- The wrecking ball (which was operated by Albert) smashed through the roof.

Task 2

Watch the Michael Rosen Chocolate cake video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BxQLITdOOc>

Write five sentences (mild/spicy) or a short story (hot) to describe Michael's (or your own) chocolate cake adventure that use brackets to add extra information or afterthoughts.

Example: Michael (who was an inquisitive ten-year-old boy) loved chocolate cake. Interestingly, his favourite type of chocolate cake was chocolate fudge cake (with white chocolate drops on top too).

Top tips!

To check you have put your brackets in the correct place, your sentence should still make sense even when you take the words that are in the brackets out of the sentence!

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Remember, brackets show parentheses. We can also use dashes (- -) or commas (, ,) to add parenthesis instead of brackets.