

Varied Fluency

Step 4: Parenthesis

National Curriculum Objectives:

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

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support the correct use of parenthesis within simple sentences.

Expected Questions to support the correct use of parenthesis within complex sentences.

Greater Depth Questions to support the correct use of parenthesis within complex sentences. Includes the use of additional punctuation for fronted adverbials and commas in a list.

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1a. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Timmy, a black and white dog, loved eating bones.



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1b. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

The bus (which was early for once) dropped them off at the shop.



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2a. True or false? The parenthesis in the sentence below is punctuated correctly.

The eyewitness (aged 11) reported seeing the fire start.



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2b. True or false? The parenthesis in the sentence below is punctuated correctly.

The train delayed by the snow (finally arrived at the station).



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3a. Insert commas around the parenthesis in the sentence below.

The car which had belonged to his father was kept in the garage.



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3b. Insert commas around the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Paolo who had fallen asleep on the sofa jumped up in alarm.



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4a. Rewrite the sentence below using brackets to punctuate the parenthesis.

Hector a master criminal was caught red-handed by the police.



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4b. Rewrite the sentence below using dashes to punctuate the parenthesis.

The cat a grey tabby got stuck in the tree.



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5a. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Tamara, an 11 year old girl, was delighted to learn that she'd won the competition.



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5b. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

The two best friends (Ava and Mia) walked out of school for the last time that year.



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6a. True or false? The parenthesis in the sentence below is punctuated correctly.

Trixie a white and brown chihuahua (tiptoed daintily into the room).



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6b. True or false? The parenthesis in the sentence below is punctuated correctly.

The previous winner of the race (18 year old Sammy) was a little reluctant to hand over her trophy.



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7a. Insert commas around the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Sasha scared that she would be left behind grabbed her coat quickly and rushed after the others.



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7b. Insert commas around the parenthesis in the sentence below.

I raced down the path which was rough and uneven in order to catch up with my runaway dog.



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8a. Rewrite the sentence below using brackets to punctuate the parenthesis.

Kiwifruit an edible berry contains more vitamin C than an orange.



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8b. Rewrite the sentence below using dashes to punctuate the parenthesis.

Ben who was in a foul mood slammed the door behind him and stormed upstairs.



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9a. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Feeling nervous, Keeley turned the handle, which was cold and hard, before pushing the old, creaky door open.



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9b. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

As the sun set, the birds (with blacked tipped wings) swooped majestically into the cool, calm water.



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10a. True or false? The parenthesis in the sentence below is punctuated correctly.

Queen Victoria's reign lasting an impressive sixty-three years, seven months and two days (has since been surpassed by Elizabeth II).



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10b. True or false? The parenthesis in the sentence below is punctuated correctly.

Mount Everest (standing at 8,848m) is still growing due to pressure from the Indian plate pushing into Asia.



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11a. Insert commas around the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Despite his attempts to evade capture, the burglar was apprehended in a jewellery shop which is owned by Tammi Wilson in the early hours of Friday.



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11b. Insert commas around the parenthesis in the sentence below.

During the midnight feast which consisted of popcorn, fizzy drinks and chocolate the children attempted to scare each other with their favourite horror story.



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12a. Rewrite the sentence below using brackets to punctuate the parenthesis.

Earth, Neptune named after the Roman god of the sea and Mars are just a few of the planets in our solar system.



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12b. Rewrite the sentence below using dashes to punctuate the parenthesis.

Meeting in Sunil's garden which is massive by the way means that we have more room to play football, rugby and rounders.



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Developing

- 1a. Timmy, a black and white dog, loved eating bones.
- 2a. True
- 3a. The car, which had belonged to his father, was kept in the garage.
- 4a. Hector (a master criminal) was caught red-handed by the police.

Expected

- 5a. Tamara, an 11 year old girl, was delighted to learn that she'd won the competition.
- 6a. False, it should be: Trixie (a white and brown chihuahua) tiptoed daintily into the room.
- 7a. Sasha, scared that she would be left behind, grabbed her coat quickly and rushed after the others.
- 8a. Kiwifruit (an edible berry) contains more vitamin C than an orange.

Greater Depth

- 9a. Feeling nervous, Keeley turned the handle, which was cold and hard, before pushing the old, creaky door open.
- 10a. False, it should be: Queen Victoria's reign (lasting an impressive sixty-three years, seven months and two days) has since been surpassed by Elizabeth II.
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- 12a. Earth, Neptune (named after the Roman god of the sea) and Mars are just a few of the planets in our solar system.

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- 1b. The bus (which was early for once) dropped them off at the shop.
- 2b. False, it should be: The train (delayed by the snow) finally arrived at the station.
- 3b. Paolo, who had fallen asleep on the sofa, jumped up in alarm.
- 4b. The cat – a grey tabby – got stuck in the tree.

Expected

- 5b. The two best friends (Ava and Mia) walked out of school for the last time that year.
- 6b. True
- 7b. I raced down the path, which was rough and uneven, in order to catch up with my runaway dog.
- 8b. Ben – who was in a foul mood – slammed the door behind him and stormed upstairs.

Greater Depth

- 9b. As the sun set, the birds (with black tipped wings) swooped majestically into the cool, calm water.
- 10b. True
- 11b. During the midnight feast, which consisted of popcorn, fizzy drinks and chocolate, the children attempted to scare each other with their favourite horror story.
- 12b. Meeting in Sunil's garden – which is massive by the way – means that we have more room to play football, rugby and rounders.