

Application and Reasoning

Step 4: Parenthesis

National Curriculum Objectives:

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

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Use parenthesis to add extra information to simple sentences.

Expected Use parenthesis to add extra information to complex sentences.

Greater Depth Use parenthesis to add extra information to complex sentences. Includes the use of additional punctuation for fronted adverbials and commas in a list.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Insert parenthesis in a suitable place within simple sentences.

Expected Insert parenthesis in a suitable place within complex sentences.

Greater Depth Insert parenthesis in a suitable place within complex sentences. Includes the use of additional punctuation for fronted adverbials.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether parenthesis has been used correctly within simple sentences.

Expected Explain whether parenthesis has been used correctly within complex sentences.

Greater Depth Explain whether parenthesis has been used correctly within complex sentences. Includes the use of additional punctuation for fronted adverbials.

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Parenthesis

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1a. Insert suitable parenthesis to add extra information to the sentence below.

The rocket (_____)
launched successfully into
space.



A

1b. Insert suitable parenthesis to add extra information to the sentence below.

Owls (_____) hunt their
prey at night.



A

2a. Insert the given parenthesis into a suitable place in the sentence below.

(a red Ferrari)

The racing car sped along the
track.



A

2b. Insert the given parenthesis into a suitable place in the sentence below.

(orange and
white striped)

The fish swam into the
anemone.



A

3a. Has parenthesis been used correctly in the sentence below? Explain why.

Karina, who arrived from Italy 2
months ago, doesn't speak
much English yet.



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3b. Has parenthesis been used correctly in the sentence below? Explain why.

The school bell which was loud
and shrill, announced the end,
of the lesson.



R

Parenthesis

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4a. Insert suitable parenthesis to add extra information to the sentence below.

The winner of this year's competition (_____) should hopefully go on to have a successful singing career.



A

4b. Insert suitable parenthesis to add extra information to the sentence below.

I'm delighted that Gabi (_____) will be able to come to my 13th birthday party next weekend.



A

5a. Using brackets, commas or dashes, combine the sentences below so that they include parenthesis. You may need to omit or change words.

The branches of the old tree were laden with ripe apples. The tree was over 100 years old.



A

5b. Using brackets, commas or dashes, combine the sentences below so that they include parenthesis. You may need to omit or change words.

The solar eclipse cast an ethereal glow on the abandoned village. It was the first solar eclipse in many years.



A

6a. Has parenthesis been used correctly in the sentence below? Explain why.

The staggering sum of money raised by the local school, will be used to provide shelter, for homeless people.



R

6b. Has parenthesis been used correctly in the sentence below? Explain why.

The newly installed electric gates, funded by the PTA, trapped the desperate teachers and pupils in school on Friday afternoon.



R

Parenthesis

Parenthesis

7a. Insert suitable parenthesis to add extra information to the sentence below.

Dusting himself off, the spy (_____) picked up his broken camera and stalked off down the street to where his brand new car was waiting.



A

7b. Insert suitable parenthesis to add extra information to the sentence below.

After arriving at the shopping mall, the family (_____) proceeded to spend what seemed like an eternity looking for new uniforms, shoes and bags.



A

8a. Using brackets, commas or dashes, combine the sentences below so that they include parenthesis. You may need to omit or change words.

Without a sound, the mysterious figure stepped out of the shadows.
The figure was dressed in dark robes and wore a featureless mask.



A

8b. Using brackets, commas or dashes, combine the sentences below so that they include parenthesis. You may need to omit or change words.

Mark's state-of-the-art hoverboard drew looks of admiration from the gathering crowd.
I thought it was a little overrated.



A

9a. Has parenthesis been used correctly in the sentence below? Explain why.

Twirling around the floor like they were floating on air, the couple, who had been dance partners for years, successfully danced their way into the final.



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9b. Has parenthesis been used correctly in the sentence below? Explain why.

The dog pack 12 muscular huskies – covered in thick layers – of grey and white fur pulled the sled skilfully over the frozen wastelands.



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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example: The rocket (Neptune 900) launched successfully into space.
- 2a. The racing car (a red Ferrari) sped along the track.
- 3a. Yes, because if the parenthesis was removed from the sentence, it would still make sense.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example: The winner of this year's competition (Saskia Turner from Bolton) should hopefully go on to have a successful singing career.
- 5a. Various answers, for example: The branches of the old tree (which were over 100 years old) were laden with ripe apples.
- 6a. No, because if the information inside the commas was removed from the sentence, it would no longer make sense. The sentence should be: The staggering sum of money, raised by the local school, will be used to provide shelter for homeless people.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example: Dusting himself off, the spy (who had just fallen and hit his head) picked up his broken camera and stalked off down the street to where his brand new car was waiting.
- 8a. Various answers, for example: Without a sound, the mysterious figure, dressed in dark robes and wearing a featureless mask, stepped out of the shadows.
- 9a. Yes, because if the parenthesis was removed from the sentence, it would still make sense.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example: Owls (nocturnal birds) hunt their prey at night.
- 2b. The fish (orange and white striped) swam into the anemone.
- 3b. No, because if the information inside the commas was removed from the sentence, it would no longer make sense. The sentence should be: The school bell, which was loud and shrill, announced the end of the lesson.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example: I'm delighted that Gabi (my best friend) will be able to come to my 13th birthday party next weekend.
- 5b. Various answers, for example: The solar eclipse (the first one in many years) cast an ethereal glow on the abandoned village.
- 6b. Yes, because if the parenthesis was removed from the sentence, it would still make sense.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example: After arriving at the shopping mall, the family (a tired and miserable looking bunch) proceeded to spend what seemed like an eternity looking for new uniforms, shoes and bags.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: Mark's state-of-the-art hoverboard – a little overrated in my opinion – drew looks of admiration from the gathering crowd.
- 9b. No, because if the information inside the commas was removed from the sentence, it would no longer make sense. The sentence should be: The dog pack – 12 muscular huskies covered in thick layers of grey and white fur – pulled the sled skilfully over the frozen wastelands.