

# Recognising Parenthesis

WEEK 9

# Which sentence below has used parenthesis correctly?

My grandad, who is eighty-four years old enjoys playing chess with his friends each Wednesday and likes to play golf at the weekend.

My grandad (who is eighty-four years old) enjoys playing chess with his friends each Wednesday and likes to play golf at the weekend.

Parenthesis is a word, phrase or sentence that is put in writing as extra information or an afterthought.

## Answer....

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My grandad (who is eighty-four years old) enjoys playing chess with his friends each Wednesday and likes to play golf at the weekend.

Name the punctuation used for parenthesis in the following sentences.

My brother, who is older than me, will be eleven tomorrow and is having a bowling party.

My best friend - who I met at primary school - has just moved house as it was too far from her son's school.

## Answer...

My brother, who is older than me, will be eleven tomorrow and is having a bowling party.

My best friend - who I met at primary school - has just moved house as it was too far from her son's school.

A uses a pair of commas.

B uses a pair of dashes

Circle the punctuation used for parenthesis in the sentence below.

My next-door neighbour, whose house is attached to ours, has a large tree in his back garden and his children love to climb it!

## Answer...

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Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

On my birthday - 1st June - the weather is always sunny so we usually go to the park for a picnic.



# Answer...

On my birthday - 1st June - the weather is always sunny so we usually go to the park for a picnic.

True or false? Commas are used correctly for parenthesis in the sentences below.

	T	F
A. Although it was still dark, I went to the shop to buy some milk and bread for our breakfast.		
B. My mum, who needed milk and bread, asked me to go to the shop because I was going to town anyway.		

Answer...

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A. Although it was still dark, I went to the shop to buy some milk and bread for our breakfast.		✓
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Which of the following sentences use correct punctuation to show parenthesis?

A. There are three bookshelves at the back of our classroom and they are used for our home-school reading books.

B. There are three large bookshelves at the back of our classroom for us to take home to read - mystery books are our favourites.

C. The bookshelves (which are at the back of the classroom) are full of books since we all love reading.

## Answer...

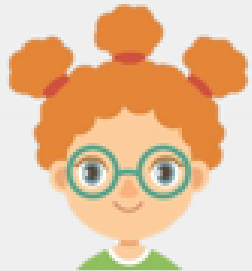
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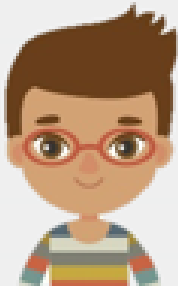
# Reasoning

Sinead and Josh are using dashes to show parenthesis. Who has used punctuation correctly? Explain how you know.



**Sinead**

She set off on her journey and headed towards the Caves of Doom – probably the most dangerous caves in the world!



**Josh**

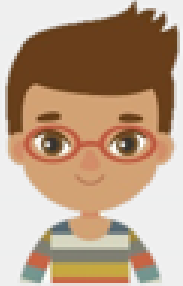
She set off – on her journey – towards the Caves of Doom which are probably the most dangerous caves in the world.

## Answer...



**Sinead**

She set off on her journey and headed towards the Caves of Doom – probably the most dangerous caves in the world!



**Josh**

She set off – on her journey – towards the Caves of Doom which are probably the most dangerous caves in the world.

Sinead has used punctuation to show parenthesis correctly because she has used a single dash to mark the extra information. Josh has used a pair of dashes incorrectly because he has marked information that is needed as part of the main clause.

# Reasoning

Which sentence does not use punctuation for parenthesis? Choose one.

**A. We went to the park yesterday, and then went to the café for our lunch.**

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**B. We went to the park yesterday and also went to the café, where we had lunch.**

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Explain how you know.



## Answer...

**A. We went to the park yesterday, and then went to the café for our lunch.**



**B. We went to the park yesterday and also went to the café, where we had lunch.**



**Explain how you know.**

A does not use punctuation for parenthesis because the comma is used to separate the clauses of the sentence.