

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 3: Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

### National Curriculum Objectives:

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

Terminology for pupils:

- English Year 5: (5G5.9) [parenthesis](#)
- English Year 5: (5G5.9) [dash](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

**Developing** Use dashes to add own parenthesis to a given single clause sentence.

**Expected** Use dashes to add own parenthesis to a given multi-clause sentence.

**Greater Depth** Use dashes to add own parenthesis to a given multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Hyphens are used within words.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

**Developing** Reposition added parenthesis within a single clause sentence.

**Expected** Reposition added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence.

**Greater Depth** Reposition added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Hyphens are used within words

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Identify and explain errors when using dashes to demarcate added parenthesis within a single clause sentence.

**Expected** Identify and explain errors when using dashes to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence.

**Greater Depth** Identify and explain errors when using dashes to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Hyphens are used within words.

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## Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

1a. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Our house \_\_\_\_\_ is just down the road from yours.



A

## Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

1b. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

My nan \_\_\_\_\_ is the funniest person I know.



A

2a. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

I love to eat peppers – only the red ones though – with my salad.



A

2b. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

Warm, crusty bread – fresh from the bakery – is my favourite thing to eat.



A

3a. Jasmine has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

The tree – which had stood for over 100 years, had been blown over by the storm.

Is she correct? Explain why.



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3b. Arthur has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

The hedgehog whose – name was Ted – had decided to come out of hibernation.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

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4a. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

The clock tower \_\_\_\_\_ was destroyed last night by a massive bolt of lightning and will need to be restored.



A

4b. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Our car \_\_\_\_\_ broke down on the way to school this morning so we were late.



A

5a. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

Just now, I was quite surprised to see my dad holding – albeit reluctantly – a rather large spider and carrying it carefully outside.



A

5b. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

If you are interested, there are several paragraphs – see page 36 – on the subject which can help you to understand the topic much better.



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6a. Jodie has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

Trembling with fear, the girl peered through the darkness – caused by the broken streetlamp, in hope of seeing her father as she had not seen him in such a long time.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

6b. Sunil has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

Panting madly – the dog who had been chasing the ball – sat down for a much needed rest and he went to sleep.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

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7a. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Hiding in his cave, the plant-eating troll \_\_\_\_\_ felt rather sad when people screamed and ran away at the sight of his incredibly warty face.



A

7b. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Yesterday, the world-famous astronaut \_\_\_\_\_ broke yet another record after completing a five year mission in the deepest, darkest depths of outer space.



A

8a. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

For those who really wish to know, the page in question – see appendix 2 – outlines the up-to-date rules for anyone wishing to teach school-based games like rugby and it gives hints and tips on how to deliver a fantastic lesson.



A

8b. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

For Christmas, the high-tech toy of the year is a walking, talking robot – batteries not included – which is capable of tidying your room and completing all of your homework tasks.



A

9a. Monica has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

In the depths of despair – the accident-prone chauffeur – who was experiencing a particularly bad day wrote out yet another incident report for his insurance company after crashing his car into a tree.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

9b. Avneet has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

Crashing through the dense forest – deep in the Canadian wilderness, the lightning-quick explorer ran frantically away from the rather large and aggressive bear and hid quietly until it was finally safe to come out.

Is he correct? Explain why.



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### Developing

1a. Various answers; for example: Our house – the white one with the red door – is just down the road from yours.

2a. I love to eat peppers with my salad – only the red ones though.

3a. Jasmine is incorrect. It should be: The tree – which had stood for over 100 years – had been blown over by the storm.

### Expected

4a. Various answers; for example: The clock tower – built in 1829 – was destroyed last night by a massive bolt of lightning and will need to be restored.

5a. Just now, I was quite surprised to see my dad holding a rather large spider and carrying it carefully outside – albeit reluctantly.

6a. Jodie is incorrect. It should be: Trembling with fear, the girl peered through the darkness – caused by the broken streetlamp – in hope of seeing her father as she had not seen him in such a long time.

### Greater Depth

7a. Various answers; for example: Hiding in his cave, the plant-eating troll – who was quite a sensitive soul – felt rather sad when people screamed and ran away at the sight of his incredibly warty face.

8a. For those who really wish to know, the page in question outlines the up-to-date rules for anyone wishing to teach school-based games like rugby and gives hints and tips on how to deliver a fantastic lesson – see appendix 2.

9a. Monica is incorrect. It should be: In the depths of despair, the accident-prone chauffeur – who was experiencing a particularly bad day – wrote out yet another incident report for his insurance company after crashing his car into a tree.

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### Developing

1b. Various answers; for example: My nan – who's 95 tomorrow – is the funniest person I know.

2b. My favourite thing to eat is warm, crusty bread – fresh from the bakery.

3b. Arthur is incorrect. It should be: The hedgehog – whose name was Ted – had decided to come out of hibernation.

### Expected

4b. Various answers; for example: Our car – which was old and dilapidated – broke down this morning on the way to school so we were late.

5b. If you are interested, there are several paragraphs on the subject which can help you to understand the topic much better – see page 36.

6b. Sunil is incorrect. It should be: Panting madly, the dog – who had been chasing the ball – sat down for a much needed rest and he went to sleep.

### Greater Depth

7b. Various answers; for example: Yesterday, the world-famous astronaut – Sasha Crabapple from Essex – broke yet another record after completing a five year mission in the deepest, darkest depths of outer space.

8b. For Christmas, the high-tech toy of the year is a walking, talking robot which is capable of tidying your room and completing all of your homework tasks – batteries not included.

9b. Avneet is incorrect. It should be: Crashing through the dense forest – deep in the Canadian wilderness – the lightning-quick explorer ran frantically away from the rather large and aggressive bear and hid quietly until it was finally safe to come out.