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We have started a #LIFEworkbalance campaign and we need your help to complete our LIFE/work balance survey.

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Year 5 – Spring Block 1 – Parenthesis – Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

About This Resource:

This PowerPoint has been designed to support your teaching of this small step. It includes a starter activity and an example of each question from the Varied Fluency and Application and Reasoning resources also provided in this pack. You can choose to work through all examples provided or a selection of them depending on the needs of your class.

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](#)

[More resources](#) from our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling scheme of work.

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Year 5 – Spring Block 1 – Parenthesis – Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

Notes and Guidance

- This step builds on the previous two steps and looks at using dashes to indicate *parenthesis*.
- Children should be able to demarcate *parenthesis* in different positions in a sentence, remembering to surround the *parenthesis* with dashes mid-sentence.
- Children should remember to use a single dash to open *parenthesis* if adding an afterthought at the end of a sentence.

Focused Questions

- Insert dashes into this sentence to demarcate parenthesis.
- Have these dashes been used to indicate parenthesis correctly?
- Could this parenthesis be positioned differently within the sentence?

Step 3: Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

Introduction

Add the underlined information to each sentence below using brackets to indicate parenthesis.

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Varied Fluency 1

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Varied Fluency 2

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True

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Various answers, for example:

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Application 2

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Cara is incorrect because it should be: Jumping up at the window, the dog – angry that someone was by his house – barked loudly at the postman and frightened the postman away.