

LIFE/work balance

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#LIFEworkbalance

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

We hope to publish the results soon, so please give 15 minutes of your time to help us get a true picture of school life.

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Year 5 – Spring Block 1 – Parenthesis – Using Commas 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](#)

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

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

Notes and Guidance

- This step builds on the previous steps and looks at using commas to indicate *parenthesis*.
- Children should be able to demarcate *parenthesis* in different positions in a sentence, remembering to surround the *parenthesis* with commas mid-sentence.
- Children should remember to use a single comma to open *parenthesis* if adding an afterthought at the end of a sentence.
- Some children should be able to explain whether a comma has been used for an adverbial, a subordinate clause or in a list as well as using commas to indicate parenthesis. Normally, if a sentence uses a comma for any other reason, brackets or dashes are preferred to indicate parenthesis.

Focused Questions

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

Step 4: Using Commas to Indicate Parenthesis

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False, the correct use of commas is:

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Varied Fluency 3

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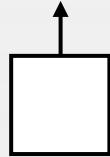
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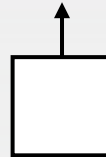
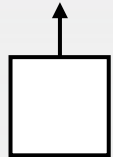
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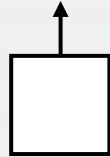


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Various answers, for example:

She lost her favourite comforter, a pink blanket, while they were out in the park, as well as her mittens, hat and scarf.

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