

Application and Reasoning

Step 4: Using Commas 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](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Find and correct the mistake when using commas to demarcate added parenthesis to a single clause sentence.

Expected Find and correct the mistake when using commas to demarcate added parenthesis within single and multi-clause sentences.

Greater Depth Find and correct the mistake when using commas to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Commas are also used in lists and to punctuate adverbials and subordinate clauses.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Create a sentence from given words using commas to demarcate added parenthesis to a single clause sentence.

Expected Create a sentence from given words using commas to demarcate added parenthesis within single and multi-clause sentences.

Greater Depth Create a sentence from given words using commas to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Identify whether commas are used correctly when using commas to demarcate added parenthesis to a single clause sentence.

Expected Identify whether commas are used correctly when using commas to demarcate added parenthesis within single and multi-clause sentences. Commas are also used in lists.

Greater Depth Identify whether commas are used correctly when using commas to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Commas are also used to punctuate adverbials and subordinate clauses.

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Using Commas to Indicate Parenthesis

1a. Find and correct the mistake in the sentence below using commas for parenthesis accurately.

He always talks sometimes shouts to the neighbours down the road.



A

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1b. Find and correct the mistake in the sentence below using commas for parenthesis accurately.

The book will without a doubt be sold out by now.



A

2a. Write a sentence, using commas for parenthesis, which includes the words in the word bank below.

cat

neighbours

time

house

Remember to punctuate your sentence.



A

2b. Write a sentence, using commas for parenthesis, which includes the words in the word bank below.

sun

sometimes

walk

canal

Remember to punctuate your sentence.



A

3a. Elaine says she has used commas for parenthesis accurately in the sentence below.



Elaine

I had to, go to the shop, to buy bread and cheese for my mum.

Is she correct? Explain how you know.



R

3b. Tom says he has used commas for parenthesis accurately in the sentence below.



Tom

My best friends Jack and Sarah are coming to my house, for dinner, this evening.

Is he correct? Explain how you know.



R

Using Commas to Indicate Parenthesis

4a. Find and correct the mistake in the sentence below using commas for parenthesis accurately.

We went, to the park, which is close to our house for a long walk as it was such a lovely day.



A

Using Commas to Indicate Parenthesis

4b. Find and correct the mistake in the sentence below using commas for parenthesis accurately.

The children regularly walked down, to the shops, except when it was raining to treat themselves to some delicious sweets.



A

5a. Write a sentence which includes the words in the word bank below. Use commas for parenthesis and to indicate a list.

castle

disrepair

years

abandoned



A

5b. Write a sentence which includes the words in the word bank below. Use commas for parenthesis and to indicate a list.

shed

new

fell

wind



A

6a. Chuan says he has used commas for parenthesis accurately in the sentence below.



Chuan

The children who were extremely excited, were getting ready for the school disco.

Is he correct? Explain how you know.



R

6b. Ayesha says she has used commas for parenthesis accurately in the sentence below.



Ayesha

I bought new shoes, a dress and a handbag when I went shopping last week.

Is she correct? Explain how you know.



R

Using Commas to Indicate Parenthesis

7a. Find and correct the mistake in the sentence below using commas for parenthesis accurately.

Since the start of this month, the weather has been freezing well it felt freezing so we have been well wrapped up in our coats, scarves and gloves.



A

Using Commas to Indicate Parenthesis

7b. Find and correct the mistake in the sentence below using commas for parenthesis accurately.

All of a sudden, the curtains blew open, the window smashed and the cat which was sat by the windowsill jumped up with a fright.



A

8a. Write a sentence using the words in the word bank below. Use commas for parenthesis and after a subordinate clause.

dentist

nervous

experienced

patients

lost

customers



A

8b. Write a sentence using the words in the word bank below. Use commas for parenthesis and after a subordinate clause.

swung

harsh

suddenly

decrepit

wind

door



A

9a. Ria says she has used commas for parenthesis accurately in the sentence below.



Ria

Unfortunately, the dog, who was usually a good boy behaved badly so he had to stay inside for the rest of the day.

Is she correct? Explain how you know.



R

9b. Luke says he has used commas for parenthesis accurately in the sentence below.



Luke

On the last day of term before the summer holidays, we sang songs, played games and ate sweets in the classroom.

Is he correct? Explain how you know.



R

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Developing

1a. He always talks, sometimes shouts, to the neighbours down the road.

2a. Various answers, for example:

The cat, who belonged to my neighbours, spent more time in our house.

3a. Elaine is incorrect. Commas for parenthesis have been used incorrectly.

Her sentence should say: I had to go to the shop, to buy bread and cheese, for my mum.

Expected

4a. We went to the park, which is close to our house, for a long walk as it was such a lovely day.

5a. Various answers, for example:

The old, creepy castle, which had been abandoned for years, was in a state of disrepair.

6a. Chuan is incorrect. A comma has been used correctly to close parenthesis but there should be a comma after 'children' to start parenthesis.

Greater Depth

7a. Since the start of this month, the weather has been freezing, well it felt freezing, so we have been well wrapped up in our coats, scarves and gloves.

8a. Various answers, for example:

Although the dentist was very experienced, he was not very good at making nervous patients feel calm, so he lost some customers.

9a. Ria is incorrect. Commas have been used correctly to start parenthesis but there should also be a comma after 'boy'.

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Developing

1b. The book will, without a doubt, be sold out by now.

2b. Various answers, for example:

Sometimes, when the sun shines, we go for a walk by the canal.

3b. Tom is incorrect. Commas for parenthesis have been used incorrectly.

His sentence should say: My best friends, Jack and Sarah, are coming to my house for dinner this evening.

Expected

4b. The children regularly walked down to the shops, except when it was raining, to treat themselves to some delicious sweets.

5b. Various answers, for example:

The bright, green shed, which was brand new, fell in the wind.

6b. Ayesha is incorrect. Commas have been used in a list. There should be commas around the phrase 'when I went shopping' to show parenthesis.

Greater Depth

7b. All of a sudden, the curtains blew open, the window smashed and the cat, which was sat by the windowsill, jumped up with a fright.

8b. Various answers, for example:

Suddenly, the barn door, which was old and decrepit, swung wide open in the harsh wind.

9b. Luke is incorrect. Commas have been used correctly to close parenthesis but there should also be a comma after 'term' to start parenthesis.