

Year 5 – Spring Block 1 – Parenthesis – Recognising 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) [bracket](#)
- English Year 5: (5G5.9) [dash](#)

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Notes and Guidance

- This step introduces the term *parenthesis*. Children may have seen examples of parenthesis within texts already covered in class, but may not know the grammatical term for this.
- *Parenthesis* can be demarcated using brackets, dashes or commas and can be positioned mid-sentence or at the end of a sentence as an afterthought. It is used to add non-essential, extra information into a sentence which is otherwise grammatically correct.
- Parenthesis which is positioned mid-sentence can be punctuated with a pair of brackets, a pair of dashes or a pair of commas.
- Parenthesis which is positioned at the end of a sentence can be punctuated by a pair of brackets, or a single dash or comma.
- If brackets are used at the end of a sentence, the punctuation mark to end the sentence must come after the closing bracket.
- Examples of parenthesis being used include: Millie – my friend – is coming over for dinner. Jack, who is my neighbour, has a dog. On Tuesday, I will be going to football (unless I get detention).

Focused Questions

- Highlight parenthesis in this sentence.
- What punctuation can be used to demarcate parenthesis?
- Where in the sentence can parenthesis be positioned?

Step 1: Recognising Parenthesis

Introduction

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Varied Fluency 1

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A uses a pair of commas.

B uses a pair of dashes.

Varied Fluency 2

Circle the punctuation used for parenthesis in the sentence below.

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Varied Fluency 3

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Varied Fluency 4

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

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Application 1

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Reasoning 1

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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 2

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

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.

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