

Recognising Parenthesis

1a. Name the punctuation used for parenthesis in the following sentences.

- A. My neighbour, who is ninety-two years old, was a soldier during the War.
- B. My cousins – who live in Edinburgh – are visiting next weekend.



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1b. Name the punctuation used for parenthesis in the following sentences.

- A. Dinosaurs (which are now extinct) lived millions of years ago.
- B. The park, which has a petting farm, is open to the public everyday.



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2a. Circle the punctuation used for parenthesis in the sentence below.

The children – who were going to the zoo on a school trip – had to be in school for half past eight.



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2b. Circle the punctuation used for parenthesis in the sentence below.

The spotty dog, which lives at the end of our street, chases after the postman.



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3a. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

The trim-trail, which had been recently installed in our playground, was enjoyed by all the children.



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3b. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

The alien – which was green with yellow eyes – had three heads.



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4a. True or false? Commas are used correctly for parenthesis in the sentences below.

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| A. I went to the museum (with my dad) at the weekend. | | |
| B. My brother, who is three years older than me, has just left college. | | |



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4b. True or false? Commas are used correctly for parenthesis in the sentences below.

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| A. The football team, who had just lost a game, were downcast. | | |
| B. Last week, I went to my friend's house for a sleepover. | | |



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