

Recognising Parenthesis

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

- A. The long, dark, winding path (which seemed to go on forever) finally led us to our destination where we froze in fear.
- B. During the weekend, the swimming team – who had been training all week – prepared themselves for the annual gala as they wanted to win.



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

- A. Once we had decided where we wanted to go, my friend – who always organises events – booked the tickets.
- B. Much to the annoyance of the passengers, the train (which was heading to Glasgow) had come to a stop on the tracks because a fault had been detected.



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

As morning came, the damage from the storm, which had been causing havoc throughout the night, could be seen clearly across the village and some people were unable to open their doors.



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

As the fog finally cleared, the aeroplane – which had been grounded for over three hours – was given the signal to prepare for take off and the passengers sighed with relief.



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3a. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

As the misty, grey fog cleared from the sky, the spectacular views of the city could now be seen, which made the climb worthwhile.



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3b. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

As we sat around the campfire with the family, my brother – who is a great musician – started to play a soft tune on his guitar and we all began to sing along.



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

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A. The triathlon, which consists of cycling, swimming and running, takes place today and starts at twelve o'clock sharp.		
B. Early on Sunday morning, I will be attending a choir performance in church and I am really looking forward to it.		



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

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A. This evening, the concert begins at seven when the community choir will perform directly after the orchestra, who are opening the show.		
B. Although it was snowing, the children braved the cold and started to build a snowman.		



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