

Recognising Parenthesis

1a. Which of the following sentences use correct punctuation to show parenthesis?

- A. Gabriel, who had been off ill for a few days, returned to school on Monday.
- B. Gabriel who had been off ill for a few days returned to school on Monday.
- C. Gabriel, who had been off ill for a few days returned to school on Monday.



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1b. Which of the following sentences use correct punctuation to show parenthesis?

- A. Wednesday's football match was cancelled.
- B. The football match, due to take place on Wednesday, was cancelled.
- C. On Wednesday, the football match was cancelled.



2a. Hafsa and Cian are using commas to show parenthesis. Who has used punctuation correctly? Explain how you know.



Hafsa

The rain which had been falling heavily all day, finally stopped.



Cian

The rain, which had been falling heavily all day, finally stopped.



2b. Sean and Chuan are using dashes to show parenthesis. Who has used punctuation correctly? Explain how you know.



Sean

The sun - which had been beating down all day - began to set.



Chuan

The sun - which had been beating down all day began to set.



3a. Which sentence does not use punctuation for parenthesis? Tick one.

A. The ferry - which was due to set sail at noon - was delayed by two hours.

B. The large, blue ferry finally set off from the port of Dover.

Explain how you know.



3b. Which sentence does not use punctuation for parenthesis? Tick one.

A. The sleek, red sports car was broken into late on Monday night.

B. The car (which had a smashed windscreen) had been broken into on Monday night.

Explain how you know.

