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

- A. As the sun began to set over the campsite, my dad – who was ready to make dinner – started to build a fire
- B. My dad, who had built a fire, started to make dinner as the sun began to set over the campsite.
- C. The sun began to set over the campsite, so my dad built a fire then started to make the dinner.



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

- A. Every Wednesday, my friends Hafsa, Isabel and Hannah come for dinner before we go to gymnastics club.
- B. Before we go to gymnastics club – which takes place on Wednesdays – Hafsa, Isabel and Hannah come for dinner.
- C. Hafsa, Isabel and Hannah come for dinner before we go to gymnastics, which takes place on Wednesdays.



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



Alice

My mum, dad and sister came to support me at the netball game, which was the last game of the season, and we won!



Johnny

For the last game of the season, my mum, dad and sister came to support me and we won the match in the last minute.



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2b. Jake and Ben are using commas to show parenthesis. Who has used punctuation correctly? Explain how you know.



Jake

Although they weren't going on holiday until Saturday, they decided to pack early so that they were ready.



Ben

They decided to pack their suitcase and leave for the airport early – they did not want to be late!



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

A. Cian, Kelly and Lucy love playing sports and are on many teams, which is why they are busy on every day of the week.

B. Cian, Kelly and Lucy play for many school teams because they love to play different sports.



Explain how you know.

A

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

A. After the football game, we all went to Pizza Planet to celebrate our win – which is our new post-match tradition.

B. Recently, we have started a new post-match tradition of going to Pizza Planet after every football match.



Explain how you know.

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