

Application and Reasoning

Step 3: Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

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) [dash](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Use dashes to add own parenthesis to a given single clause sentence.

Expected Use dashes to add own parenthesis to a given multi-clause sentence.

Greater Depth Use dashes to add own parenthesis to a given multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Hyphens are used within words.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Reposition added parenthesis within a single clause sentence.

Expected Reposition added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence.

Greater Depth Reposition added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Hyphens are used within words

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Identify and explain errors when using dashes to demarcate added parenthesis within a single clause sentence.

Expected Identify and explain errors when using dashes to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence.

Greater Depth Identify and explain errors when using dashes to demarcate added parenthesis within a multi-clause sentence, where subordinate clauses are also used. Hyphens are used within words.

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1a. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Our house _____ is just down the road from yours.



A

1b. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

My nan _____ is the funniest person I know.



A

2a. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

I love to eat peppers – only the red ones though – with my salad.



A

2b. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

Warm, crusty bread – fresh from the bakery – is my favourite thing to eat.



A

3a. Jasmine has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

The tree – which had stood for over 100 years, had been blown over by the storm.

Is she correct? Explain why.



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3b. Arthur has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

The hedgehog whose – name was Ted – had decided to come out of hibernation.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

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4a. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

The clock tower _____ was destroyed last night by a massive bolt of lightning and will need to be restored.



A

4b. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Our car _____ broke down on the way to school this morning so we were late.



A

5a. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

Just now, I was quite surprised to see my dad holding – albeit reluctantly – a rather large spider and carrying it carefully outside.



A

5b. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

If you are interested, there are several paragraphs – see page 36 – on the subject which can help you to understand the topic much better.



A

6a. Jodie has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

Trembling with fear, the girl peered through the darkness – caused by the broken streetlamp, in hope of seeing her father as she had not seen him in such a long time.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

6b. Sunil has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

Panting madly – the dog who had been chasing the ball – sat down for a much needed rest and he went to sleep.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

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7a. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Hiding in his cave, the plant-eating troll _____ felt rather sad when people screamed and ran away at the sight of his incredibly warty face.



A

7b. Use dashes to insert your own parenthesis to complete the sentence below.

Yesterday, the world-famous astronaut _____ broke yet another record after completing a five year mission in the deepest, darkest depths of outer space.



A

8a. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

For those who really wish to know, the page in question – see appendix 2 – outlines the up-to-date rules for anyone wishing to teach school-based games like rugby and it gives hints and tips on how to deliver a fantastic lesson.



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8b. Rewrite the sentence below and reposition the parenthesis at the end of the sentence. Punctuate your sentence correctly.

For Christmas, the high-tech toy of the year is a walking, talking robot – batteries not included – which is capable of tidying your room and completing all of your homework tasks.



A

9a. Monica has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

In the depths of despair – the accident-prone chauffeur – who was experiencing a particularly bad day wrote out yet another incident report for his insurance company after crashing his car into a tree.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

9b. Avneet has used dashes for parenthesis in the sentence below.

Crashing through the dense forest – deep in the Canadian wilderness, the lightning-quick explorer ran frantically away from the rather large and aggressive bear and hid quietly until it was finally safe to come out.

Is he correct? Explain why.



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Developing

- 1a. Various answers; for example: Our house – the white one with the red door – is just down the road from yours.
- 2a. I love to eat peppers with my salad – only the red ones though.
- 3a. Jasmine is incorrect. It should be: The tree – which had stood for over 100 years – had been blown over by the storm.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers; for example: The clock tower – built in 1829 – was destroyed last night by a massive bolt of lightning and will need to be restored.
- 5a. Just now, I was quite surprised to see my dad holding a rather large spider and carrying it carefully outside – albeit reluctantly.
- 6a. Jodie is incorrect. It should be: Trembling with fear, the girl peered through the darkness – caused by the broken streetlamp – in hope of seeing her father as she had not seen him in such a long time.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers; for example: Hiding in his cave, the plant-eating troll – who was quite a sensitive soul – felt rather sad when people screamed and ran away at the sight of his incredibly warty face.
- 8a. For those who really wish to know, the page in question outlines the up-to-date rules for anyone wishing to teach school-based games like rugby and gives hints and tips on how to deliver a fantastic lesson – see appendix 2.
- 9a. Monica is incorrect. It should be: In the depths of despair, the accident-prone chauffeur – who was experiencing a particularly bad day – wrote out yet another incident report for his insurance company after crashing his car into a tree.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers; for example: My nan – who's 95 tomorrow – is the funniest person I know.
- 2b. My favourite thing to eat is warm, crusty bread – fresh from the bakery.
- 3b. Arthur is incorrect. It should be: The hedgehog – whose name was Ted – had decided to come out of hibernation.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers; for example: Our car – which was old and dilapidated – broke down this morning on the way to school so we were late.
- 5b. If you are interested, there are several paragraphs on the subject which can help you to understand the topic much better – see page 36.
- 6b. Sunil is incorrect. It should be: Panting madly, the dog – who had been chasing the ball – sat down for a much needed rest and he went to sleep.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers; for example: Yesterday, the world-famous astronaut – Sasha Crabapple from Essex – broke yet another record after completing a five year mission in the deepest, darkest depths of outer space.
- 8b. For Christmas, the high-tech toy of the year is a walking, talking robot which is capable of tidying your room and completing all of your homework tasks – batteries not included.
- 9b. Avneet is incorrect. It should be: Crashing through the dense forest – deep in the Canadian wilderness – the lightning-quick explorer ran frantically away from the rather large and aggressive bear and hid quietly until it was finally safe to come out.