Parenthesis

These questions practise parenthesis - extra information marked with brackets, dashes or commas. New in Year 5.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Section A: Spotting Parenthesis

1. Underline the parenthesis: The cake (which was huge) was eaten in minutes.

2. Underline the parenthesis: Sam – my best friend – lives next door.

3. Underline the parenthesis: London, the capital city, is very busy.

4. Name three kinds of punctuation that can mark parenthesis.

5. Read it without the brackets. Does it still make sense? Our teacher (Mrs Hill) is kind.

Section B: Adding Punctuation

1. Add brackets: My dog who is called Max loves the beach.

2. Add dashes: The storm a terrible one knocked down trees.

3. Add commas: Ben my cousin is ten.

4. Add your own extra information in brackets: The film (___) was brilliant.

5. Which is correct? (a) The elephant (huge and grey) ate. (b) The elephant (huge and grey ate.