Parenthesis - Answers

Answer Key

Section A: Explain and Correct

1. They mark the extra information (parenthesis). The sentence makes sense without it.
2. "The tiger (the biggest cat in the world) is endangered."
3. "Dad, who loves football, shouted at the TV." (the pair must match)
4. e.g. dashes for drama: "The answer – amazingly – was right."
5. The extra information comes at the end of the sentence, so the full stop closes it.

Section B: Write Your Own

1. e.g. "Our rabbit (who is called Thumper) escaped again."
2. e.g. "Marcus Rashford, the England footballer, campaigns for free school meals."
3. e.g. "The door – which had been locked for years – creaked open."
4. e.g. "The spaceship – glowing bright green – landed."
5. e.g. "My uncle, who lives in Wales, keeps sheep." Commas, because it is smooth extra information.