Parenthesis

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Section A: Explain and Correct

1. Explain why the commas are needed: The girl, who was holding a balloon, waved.

2. Correct the mistake: The tiger (the biggest cat in the world is endangered.

3. Correct the mistake: Dad, who loves football – shouted at the TV.

4. Choose the best punctuation and explain: The answer ___ amazingly ___ was right.

5. Explain the difference: "I opened the door – and screamed." Why is there only one dash?

Section B: Write Your Own

1. Write a sentence about a pet with parenthesis in brackets.

2. Write a sentence about a famous person with parenthesis in commas.

3. Write a dramatic story sentence using dashes.

4. Add parenthesis to make this more interesting: The spaceship landed.

5. Write a sentence where the parenthesis is a relative clause. Say which punctuation you chose and why.