Parenthesis

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

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Section A: Punctuation Choices

1. Underline the parenthesis and name the punctuation: My aunt, a famous chef, cooked dinner.

2. Add the missing comma: The lion, king of the jungle roared loudly.

3. Rewrite using dashes instead of brackets: The beach (our favourite place) was busy.

4. Rewrite using commas instead of dashes: Mia – the youngest in the class – won the race.

5. Is this parenthesis? I like pizza, pasta and chips. Explain.

Section B: Adding Parenthesis

1. Add a relative clause as parenthesis: The castle ___ was built long ago.

2. Add a noun phrase as parenthesis: Mr Jones ___ shouted.

3. Add dates in brackets: Queen Victoria ___ ruled for 63 years.

4. Why might a writer choose dashes instead of commas?

5. Remove the parenthesis and write what is left: The cat – which had been missing for a week – came home.