

## PARENTHESES MARKED OFF BY BRACKETS

- A parenthesis is a phrase in the middle of a sentence which still makes sense if the parenthesis is taken out
- The parenthesis adds extra information
- A parenthesis can be marked off by brackets if the writer thinks the information is not very important

**Read each sentence with and without the parenthesis**

- 1) The children (unsure of what to do) walked back home.
- 2) An old woman lived alone (near a ruined castle) in a small cottage.
- 3) My teacher (with a smile on her face) gave me the prize.
- 4) We had to wait a long time (in the crowded café) for our drinks.
- 5) My friend (ready for the party) came to the door.
- 6) It was raining (at the weekend) all the time.
- 7) The ill man (during the night) woke up three times.
- 8) Tom went back (for the first time in five years) to his old school.
- 9) The family (under a starlit sky) pitched their tents neatly in the field.

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Add the missing brackets to mark off the parentheses

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Add a parenthesis marked off by brackets into each sentence

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Make three sentences of your own  
Then add a parenthesis marked off by brackets into each sentence

(Add information you think is not very important)

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