

PARENTHESES MARKED OFF BY DASHES

- 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
- Dashes can be used if the writer wants the information to stand out and be dramatic

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 securely in a field.

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Add the missing dashes to mark off the parentheses

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Add a parenthesis marked off by dashes into each sentence

Add information that you want to stand out

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Make three sentences of your own

Then add a parenthesis marked off by dashes into each sentence

(Add information you think is very important)

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