

Year 5

Using brackets to indicate parenthesis

1a. Insert brackets into the sentences below to demarcate parenthesis.

The guards all ten of them protected the palace.

The machine which kept breaking down was useless.



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1b. Insert brackets into the sentences below to demarcate parenthesis.

We spoke to Mrs Jones the head teacher.

Rosa Parks 1913-2005 became very famous.



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2a. Add parenthesis to the sentence below.

The bicycle (_____)
was his favourite.



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2b. Add parenthesis to the sentence below.

I didn't like today's lunch (_____
_____).



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3a. Tick the parenthesis that could fit where the arrow is pointing.



The creature was enormous.

(which was enormous)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(which was big)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(which came out of the sea)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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3b. Tick the parenthesis that could fit where the arrow is pointing.



Raj's mother looked serious.

(looking serious)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(who saw what happened)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(who was Raj's mum)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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4a. Add parenthesis to the sentences below and demarcate using brackets.

The heart pumps blood.

She was surprised.



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4b. Add parenthesis to the sentences below and demarcate using brackets.

We should exercise everyday.

The building work was finally complete.



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5a. Insert brackets into the sentences below to demarcate parenthesis.

Mr Smith our neighbour is always outside gardening or washing his car.

For lunch, there were tuna sandwiches which I hate or vegetable soup, and a selection of cakes was also available.



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5b. Insert brackets into the sentences below to demarcate parenthesis.

Jane who is very intelligent was the first to complete the maths problem and raise her hand.

The ancient city where only ruins remain was once the busiest city in the world but was abandoned during the civil war.



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6a. Add parenthesis to the sentence below.

The skyscraper () is going to be demolished by the end of the year and a new tower will be built.



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6b. Add parenthesis to the sentence below.

The soldiers () were determined to win the battle before dusk and had liberated the town by nightfall.



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7a. Tick the parenthesis that could fit where the arrow is pointing.



Koala bears are marsupials and eat leaves from the eucalyptus forests.

(they have pouches where their young develop)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(perfect for living in trees)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(which are eucalyptus leaves)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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7b. Tick the parenthesis that could fit where the arrow is pointing.



The lunch was incredibly nutritious and it was also delicious.

(which was delicious)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(devised by the world famous chef)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(enjoyable)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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8a. Add parenthesis to the sentences below and demarcate using brackets.

We spoke to the local committee about the ongoing building work and they promised to investigate.

The mischievous children were frequently in trouble with their parents and often misbehaved in school.



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8b. Add parenthesis to the sentences below and demarcate using brackets.

The thunder and lightning echoed through the mountains and blazed through the night sky.

The scientist had developed the new medicine over many years and it was finally ready to be tested.



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9a. Insert brackets into the sentences below to demarcate parenthesis.

The cat waiting to pounce sat impatiently on the mat as the mouse scuttled about in front of him even though he was fearful.

Thankful for the opportunity that had been given to him by his manager, the business man who was reliable and ambitious was ready to start his new role but was nervous.



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9b. Insert brackets into the sentences below to demarcate parenthesis.

Though the temperature was still below zero, we went for a morning walk it was more like a jog around the local park.

Since she had travelled the world, the lady could speak four foreign languages Spanish, Chinese, German and Urdu and could speak these languages fluently.



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10a. Add parenthesis to the sentence below.

Having just come into power, the government () were desperate to get their bill passed so that they could then take action.



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10b. Add parenthesis to the sentence below.

After being involved in an accident, I bruised my shoulder and it has been uncomfortable and sore ever since ().



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11a. Tick the parenthesis that could fit where the arrow is pointing.

Glittered with jewels and precious gems that the princess had gathered on her travels around the world, ↓ the castle was beautiful.

(she had travelled all around the world)	
(she had visited every continent and corner of the globe)	
(she had collected gems from every country)	



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11b. Tick the parenthesis that could fit where the arrow is pointing.

The conversation was not confidential ↓ although they spoke in hushed voices as though they were afraid to be overheard.

(they spoke quietly)	
(they must not be overheard)	
(this was a top secret mission)	



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12a. Add parenthesis to the sentences below and demarcate using brackets.

Despite missing the bus, she could not be late again as she desperately wanted the job of assistant manager.

Male elephants have considerably larger tusks because they are the main hunters and they are relied upon to feed their family.



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12b. Add parenthesis to the sentences below and demarcate using brackets.

After spending much time there, he was getting used to the water in the ocean but preferred swimming in a pool.

The village was subjected to many disastrous storms although the villagers' resilience was immense and they stayed strong.



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