

# Use Brackets, Dashes and Commas to Show Parenthesis

## Task 1

For each of these sentences, add an extra information clause (parenthesis) in the spaces. Remember to mark the start and end of your parenthesis with **brackets**, **commas** or **dashes**. Vary your punctuation; don't use just one!

e.g. My brother never brushes his hair!

*My brother, who thinks he's really cool, never brushes his hair! OR*

*My brother - Jason - never brushes his hair OR*

*My brother (the scruffiest boy in history) never brushes his hair!*

1. I watched a horror film \_\_\_\_\_  
and it really scared me!
2. Dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_  
were a type of reptile.
3. We're not allowed peanut butter \_\_\_\_\_  
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts.
4. The bats \_\_\_\_\_  
sleep in our attic during the day.
5. I lost my phone \_\_\_\_\_  
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride.
6. We made popcorn \_\_\_\_\_  
for my birthday party.
7. Simone \_\_\_\_\_  
doesn't speak much English yet.
8. We were helping the caretaker \_\_\_\_\_  
to carry all the chairs into the hall.
9. There aren't many apples left \_\_\_\_\_  
because we used them to make a pie.

10. 'Blue Peter' \_\_\_\_\_  
has been on TV since the 1960s.
11. Put some cushions \_\_\_\_\_  
on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film.
12. My dog \_\_\_\_\_  
is a very curly labradoodle.

## Challenge

Now write three sentences of your own. Each one should be a complex sentence and include a parenthetical piece of information. Remember to use brackets, dashes or commas.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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