

Max the Maths Monkey's Parenthesis Puzzle

Learning objective: To identify and use parenthesis (brackets, dashes, or commas) to add extra information to a sentence.

Help Max the monkey solve his sentence puzzles! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or fill in the blank.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Brackets, 4.The blue bicycle (which had a flat tyre) was left in the shed., 5.False, 6.Dashes, 7.Commas, 8.True, 9.A, 10.Parenthesis adds extra detail that is not essential to the main sentence.

Word bank: parenthesis · brackets · commas · dashes · extra information · clause

1. 1. Which of these is a correct way to mark parenthesis? A) Using full stops. B) Using capital letters. C) Using brackets, commas, or dashes. D) Using question marks. * (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Parenthesis provides extra information that is not essential to the main meaning of the sentence. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which punctuation mark should fill the gap: The library (which is very quiet) is my favourite place? (Brackets / Full stops) (1 mark)

4. 4. Rewrite this sentence adding parenthesis around 'which had a flat tyre': The blue bicycle was left in the shed. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: You can use a semi-colon to mark parenthesis. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Max—who loves bananas—climbed the tree. What punctuation was used? (Dashes / Exclamation marks) (1 mark)

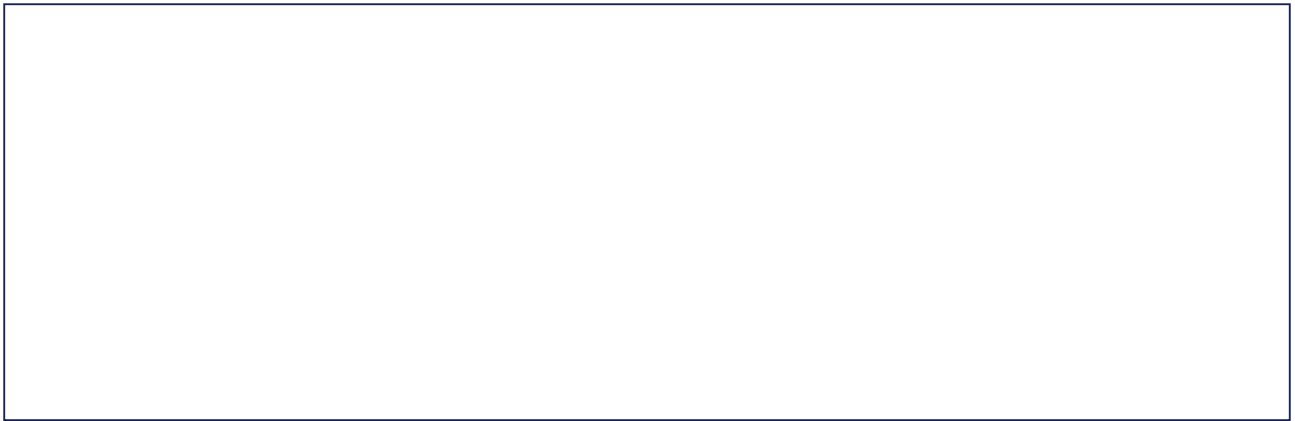
7. 7. Which punctuation mark is used here: Pip, a small caterpillar, loves reading books? (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: If you remove the parenthesis from a sentence, the sentence should still make sense. (1 mark)

9. 9. Identify the sentence that uses parenthesis correctly: A) Nova, the wise owl, watches the stars. B) Nova the wise owl watches the stars. C) Nova the wise, owl watches the stars. D) Nova, the wise owl watches the stars. (1 mark)

10. 10. In your own words, what is the purpose of using parenthesis in a sentence? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey wearing a scientist's coat, holding a banana, with a speech bubble that uses parenthesis to describe what he is doing.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences about your favourite animal. In the first, use brackets for extra info. In the second, use dashes. In the third, use commas.