

Exploring the World with Max: A Parenthesis Adventure

Learning objective: To use brackets, dashes, or commas to indicate parenthesis, adding extra detail to sentences while maintaining grammatical flow.

Max the monkey is helping us learn about parenthesis! Parenthesis is extra information added to a sentence. If you remove the information inside the brackets, dashes, or commas, the sentence should still make sense. Use this template to describe one of Max's mathematical adventures. Remember to include at least one example of parenthesis in every section.

Word bank: bracket · dash · comma · extra detail · parenthetical · informative · interrupt · structure

1. Introduction: Describe Max's latest mathematical quest. Include a pair of brackets to add detail about his favourite tool. (3 marks)

2. The Challenge: Explain the difficult puzzle Max faced. Use a pair of dashes to interrupt your sentence with a sudden thought or feeling. (3 marks)

3. The Solution: Detail how Max solved the problem. Use a pair of commas to add a descriptive clause about his cleverness. (3 marks)

4. Reflection: Explain why adding parenthesis makes your writing more engaging for the reader. Justify your answer using examples from your own text. (4 marks)

5. Comparison: Compare and contrast using brackets versus using commas. When might one be more effective than the other? (4 marks)

6. Creative Extension: What might happen if you removed all the parenthesis from your writing? Rewrite one of your sentences without the extra detail and explain how the tone changes. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Write a short paragraph about a day in the life of a scientist (Nova the owl). You must include three different types of parenthesis: one using brackets, one using dashes, and one using commas. Can you make your scientific explanation sound professional yet clear?