An Afternoon at the Library with Pip: A Diary Entry Template

Learning objective: To use brackets, dashes, or commas to indicate parenthesis, adding extra information to sentences.

Help Pip the bookworm document their busy day at the library. Use this template to write a diary entry. Your challenge is to include at least one piece of parenthesis in every paragraph to add extra detail about the characters or the books they are reading. Remember to use a pair of commas, brackets, or dashes.

Word bank: parenthesis · additional information · brackets · dashes · commas · extra detail · interruption · explaining

1. The Arrival: Describe Pip arriving at the library. Use parenthesis to add extra detail about how Pip was feeling or what they were carrying. (2 marks)

2. Meeting a Friend: Describe meeting another BookFlik character at the library. Use parenthesis to include their name or a specific item they are holding. (2 marks)

3. The Discovery: Write about finding a favourite book. Use parenthesis to explain what the book is about or why it is special to you. (2 marks)

4. The Reading Nook: Describe the perfect spot for reading. Use parenthesis to describe the furniture or the atmosphere of the room. (2 marks)

5. Reflecting on the Day: Summarise the afternoon. Use parenthesis to add a final thought or a funny observation about the library experience. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Review your diary entry. Can you swap one set of brackets for a pair of dashes? How does this change the way the reader pauses when reading your work aloud?