

LO: brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis

- Commas

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- Brackets

A black pair of parentheses symbol is centered within a light purple circular background.

- dashes

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What Is Parenthesis?

Parenthesis is the addition of extra information or an afterthought in our writing.

It can be a word, phrase or clause marked with brackets, dashes or commas.

When a parenthesis is removed, the sentence still makes grammatical sense.

e.g. I moved to Sheffield in 2011 (when I was six years old).

still makes sense as:

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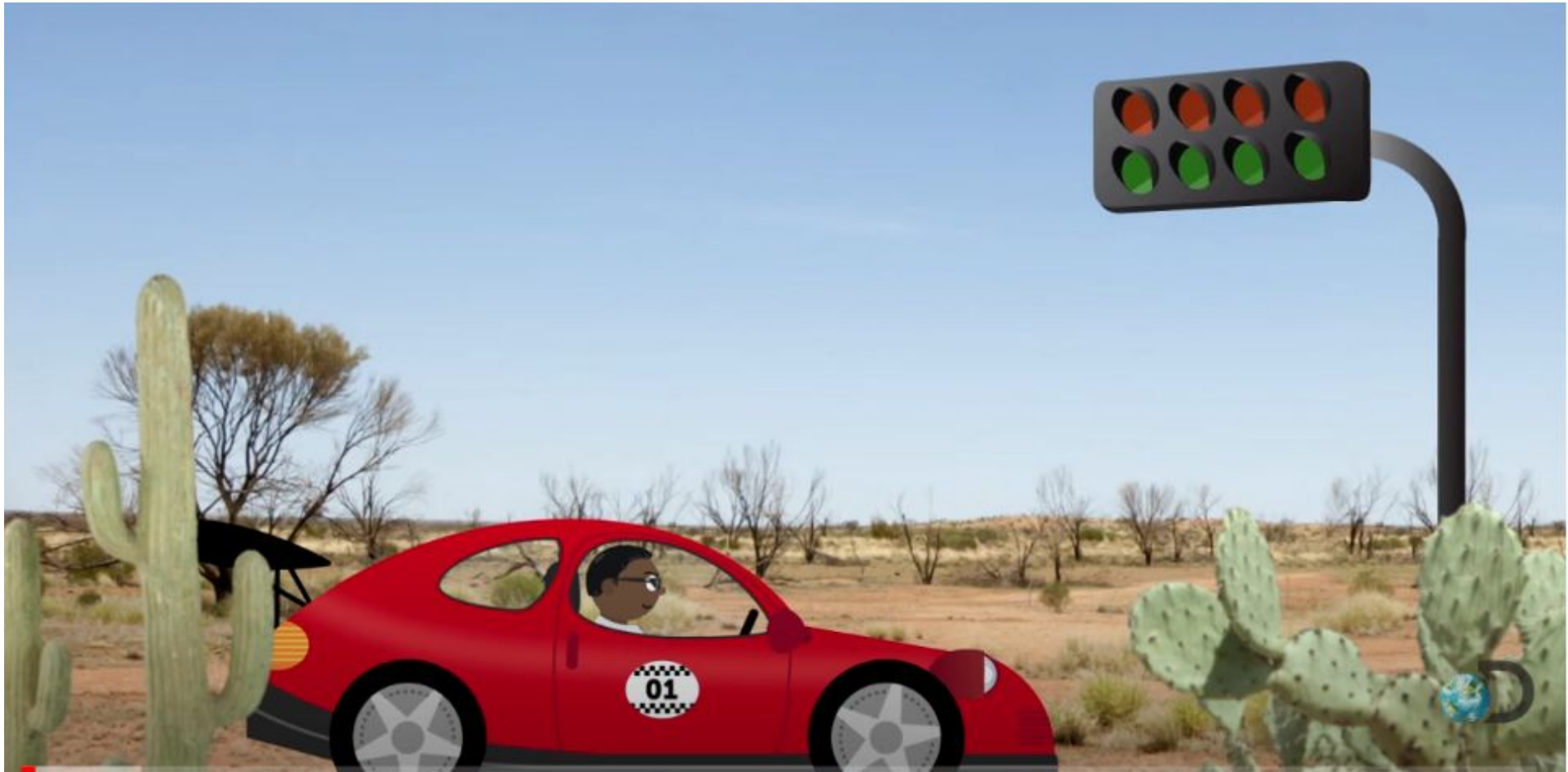
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Remember to only put brackets, dashes or commas around the parenthesis itself.

Check that your sentence still makes sense if you didn't read the part you have added the extra punctuation to.

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Your Task

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!

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Remember to mark the start and end of your parenthesis with brackets, commas or dashes.

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.

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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. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Quiz

Decide where the punctuation for parenthesis should be in these sentences:

The newspaper which is normally delivered at 9:30 did not come today.

Today we went on a trip to York where I had never been before.

Some people don't like the rain especially in England but I do.

Many cats but not all of them sleep for 15 hours a day.

Ricki plays the guitar I am sure he will be a rock star one day in our school band.