

Homework

Parenthesis for Clarity

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example: then, after that, this, firstly]

English Year 5: Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before].

English Year 5: (5G5.9) Using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis

Terminology for pupils:

- (5G5.9) parenthesis
- (5G5.9) bracket
- (5G5.9) dash
- (5G1.5) cohesion

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Circle the parenthesis which would change the meaning of the paragraph if swapped with the underlined parenthesis. Parenthesis underlined.

Expected Circle the parenthesis which would change the meaning of the paragraph.

Greater Depth Circle the parenthesis which would change the meaning of the paragraph. Commas for different purposes used within the text. The relevant parenthesis needs to be identified.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Use a colour code to match each underlined parenthesis to the clarity it provides. Parenthesis underlined.

Expected Use a colour code to match each underlined parenthesis to the clarity it provides.

Greater Depth Use a colour code to match each underlined parenthesis to the clarity it provides. Commas for different purposes used within the text. The relevant parenthesis needs to be identified.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application or Reasoning)

Developing Identify if the statement given is correct and explain your reasoning. Parenthesis underlined.

Expected Identify if the statement given is correct and explain your reasoning.

Greater Depth Identify if the statement given is correct and explain your reasoning. Commas for different purposes used within the text. The relevant parenthesis needs to be identified.

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1. Circle the parenthesis which would change the meaning of the paragraph below if swapped with the underlined parenthesis.

The elephants, disturbed by the loud noise, started to stampede straight towards where the young lion cubs were sitting. Their eyes darted all around as they searched for their mother. Where was she? They were frozen to the spot. The ground pounded and shook as the stampede came nearer and nearer. The cubs huddled together waiting for their mother to appear.

A. frightened by the gun shot

B. troubled by the approaching people

C. desperate to reach the water



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HW/Ext

2. Write each underlined parenthesis next to the clarity it provides.

Pandas (commonly recognised as big black and white bears) are actually born pink roughly the size of a pencil. They then grow quickly due to the huge amounts of bamboo they eat each day — about twelve kilograms in twelve hours! They are known to live in China, high in the mountains, where they find plenty of bamboo to consume.

A. It clarifies how much food they eat.

B. It clarifies where they live.

C. It clarifies what they look like.



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3. Lewis is looking at the paragraph below. He says,



The underlined parenthesis in the paragraph clarifies where he had travelled to.

He followed the footprints. Where would they lead? He followed them until he came to a small hole at the back of the cave. John squeezed himself through the gap and found himself in a whole other land — the land of the dinosaurs! How was this possible? He glanced up and saw winged dinosaurs flying overhead. This was incredible!

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



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4. Circle the parenthesis which would change the meaning of the paragraph below.

Ronan, with a deep sigh, lifted his sword and began to fight. He was one of the best swordsman of that time and had not been struck down yet. His sword could be bought for a hefty price or he would sometimes fight out of principle. It had been his father who had taught him and Ronan remembered him with every stroke of his sword.

A. who hadn't wanted to be a part of the battle

B. who lived for every battle

C. weary of battle



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HW/Ext

5. Identify and write each parenthesis next to the clarity it provides.

Sloths live in the tropical forests of Central and South America. They look a little like monkeys as they have long arms and fur. Sloths (typically known for being lazy) sleep for up to 20 hours a day. These dozy creatures move incredibly slowly through the canopy — around thirty-five metres per day. They are excellent swimmers, enjoying dropping into the water for a paddle, due to their long arms.

A. It clarifies their love of water.

B. It clarifies their normal behaviour.

C. It clarifies how far they travel.



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HW/Ext

6. Leon is looking at the paragraph below. He says,



The parenthesis in the paragraph clarifies how much Olivia loves baking.

Olivia loved baking. She saw in the local parish magazine that there was to be a baking competition at the summer fete and she was desperate to enter. Olivia planned it all out — she was very organised — and made sure that she had all of her ingredients ready. “That trophy has my name on it!” she thought confidently.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



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7. Circle the parenthesis which would change the meaning of the paragraph below.

Muscles tense, Max stood on the start line. Desperate to win, he took a deep breath and tried to relax. He knew what he had to do. Surely, that wasn't too difficult seeing as he had practised for hours. The whistle blew and he dived into the pool. With every breath, he tried to look across at his opponents, wondering where they were, as he tried to stay in front.

A. his eyes steely and his stroke unwavering

B. thinking they were right on his tail

C. doubtful if he could keep the pace up



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HW/Ext

8. Identify and write each parenthesis next to the clarity it provides.

Seahorses, live in temperate coastal waters. Their life cycle is amazing and unique. Eggs are laid by the female into a pouch on the male seahorse's abdomen — named a brood pouch. The eggs stay there until they are ready to hatch (approximately 45 days). When first hatched, the seahorses are tiny, about the size of an m and m, and they cling together in small groups.

A. It clarifies their gestation.

B. It clarifies the scientific term.

C. It clarifies the dimensions.



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9. Felicity is looking at the paragraph below. She says,



One piece of parenthesis in the paragraph clarifies that she is fraught.

Freya was stuck in the icy wasteland. Helpless and forlorn, she lay on the desolate ground. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a deep, menacing growl rumbled nearby. Should she play dead or should she run? Making a quick decision, she jumped to her feet and sprinted, heart pounding, towards the barren hills. But she had been seen! Dragging herself forwards with every breath, she needed to hide.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



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Developing

1. **C**
2. **A. about twelve kilograms in twelve hours; B. high in the mountains; C. commonly recognised as big black and white bears**
3. **Lewis is correct. In the story, John has travelled to the land of the dinosaurs.**

Expected

4. **B**
5. **A. enjoying dropping into the water for a paddle; B. typically known for being lazy; C. around thirty-five metres per day**
6. **Leon is incorrect. The parenthesis clarifies Olivia's personality, as being organised is a personality trait.**

Greater Depth

7. **A**
8. **A. approximately 45 days; B. named a brood pouch; C. about the size of an m and m**
9. **Felicity is correct. The parenthesis 'heart pounding' implies that she is tense, scared or anxious, which has a similar meaning to 'fraught'.**