

**Brackets and Dashes**

**Study Sheet**

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# Use Brackets and Dashes to Show Parenthesis (Extra Information)

Sometimes we want to add a bit of extra information to a sentence as an afterthought. If we left out this extra word or phrase, the main sentence would still make sense. This is called parenthesis. There’s an example of parenthesis in the title of this worksheet!

**For each of these sentences, can you add a parenthesis in the space? There’s a hint word to help you think what to write. Have a look at these examples.**

**e.g.** My brother never brushes his hair! **[hint: cool]**

My brother **- who thinks he’s really cool -** never brushes his hair!

**e.g.** My brother never brushes his hair! **[hint: name?]**

My brother **(who’s called Jason)** never brushes his hair!

1. I watched a horror film **- The Tunnel -** and it really scared me! **[hint: title?]**
2. Dinosaurs (**which are extinct)** are a type of reptile. **[hint: extinct]**
3. We’re not allowed peanut butter **(in our packed lunches)** in school because there’s a girl who’s allergic to nuts. **[hint: packed lunch]**
4. The bats **- which are nocturnal -** sleep in our attic during the day. **[hint: nocturnal]**
5. I lost my phone **(the purple one)** when we went on the Thunder Roller ride. **[hint: birthday present]**

**Challenge - *Students answers may vary.***

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 and dashes!

1. **Since** McDonalds (an international fast food company) is available in more than 100 countries, it is very popular.
2. Nike (an international online shopping brand) is known for its great customer service **because** of their loyalty to their clients.
3. **As** I watch my favorite show (Full House), I always laugh - and that's a fact!