



PARENTHESIS REVISION



- Parenthesis is **EXTRA INFORMATION** added to a **complete** sentence.

- The original sentence makes sense without it.

- The extra information can be separated using **commas**, brackets or dashes.

Skimbleshanks is essential to the railway.
complete sentence

Skimbleshanks, an ever reliable character, is essential to the railway.
extra added information

COMMAS are often used - they do not draw much attention to the extra information and hardly break up the sentence at all.

Everyone looked for Skimbleshanks around the station.
complete sentence

Everyone looked for Skimbleshanks, the cat of the railway train, around the station.
extra added information



BRACKETS are used to draw more attention to the additional information. The reader knows they are being told something extra.

The eyes of Skimbleshanks are always watching.
complete sentence

The eyes of Skimbleshanks (whose attention is complete) are always watching.
extra added information

The writer might want to draw attention to important or funny extra information.

Skimbleshanks (who likes a drop of whiskey in his tea) never stops watching.

DASHES are commonly used in informal writing. They break up the sentence more than commas or brackets and therefore draw attention to the extra information.

We started to behave when we saw old Skimbleshanks coming towards us!
complete sentence

We started to behave when we saw old Skimbleshanks - that terror of the train - coming towards us!
extra added information