

**L.O: To be understand the three types of parenthesis and write sentences including them.**

**Can you remember what parenthesis is?**

**Can you remember why we use it?**

# 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 became a teacher in 2017 (when I was 23).**

still makes sense as:

**I became a teacher in 2017.**

**What are the three different types of parenthesis?**

# Parenthesis Punctuation

There are three possible ways to punctuate parenthesis.

- Commas

A black comma symbol is centered within a light purple circle.

- Brackets

A black pair of parentheses symbols is centered within a light purple circle.

- dashes

A black dash symbol is centered within a light purple circle.

# Persuasive Parenthesis Answers

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Should it be brackets, dash or a comma?

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The lizards unlike most reptiles can be found living in groups of up to twenty.

The lizard is from six to ten inches long usually around eight when measured from its head to the tip of its tail.

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The yellow spotted lizard, with demon red eyes, can be found in the desert of Texas.

The lizards – unlike most reptiles – can be found living in groups of up to twenty.

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# **Your Task**

**Look back at chapter 8.**

**Choose three sentences that you could use in your report.**

**Write each sentence out again but edit it to include some parenthesis.**

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