Parenthesis

Parenthesis is a word, phrase or clause that is added to a sentence to give extra information. The sentence will make sense on its own if the parenthesis is removed. Brackets, dashes or commas can be used to show parenthesis e.g. Pandas (an endangered species) mainly live in China.

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1) Tick the sentences that use parenthesis correctly.

Maddie's dog (which is a terrier) loves to chew its bone.

The basket filled, with apples and pears fell onto the floor.

There are some books – including recipe books – on the shelf in the office.

Bristol is twenty kilometres (twelve miles away).

2) Underline the parenthesis in each sentence.

My new coat the light blue denim one has a button missing.

Madrid the capital city of Spain has a population of approximately 47 million.

Uncle Bruno my father's oldest brother works in Southampton.

Our bungalow at the end of the lane has a dark grey door.

They caught the tram a green one with four carriages at 6.05pm.

3) Re-write each sentence using brackets, dashes or commas to show parenthesis.

Jocelyn a talented musician won a local talent competition.

The heaviest swordfish ever recorded caught in 1953 weighed 536 kilograms.

Nasif my best friend lives on the same street as me.

It was very hot inside around 35°C so we put the air conditioning on.

