

Use Brackets 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 _____
and it really scared me! **[hint: title?]**
2. Dinosaurs _____
were a type of reptile. **[hint: extinct]**
3. We're not allowed peanut butter _____
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts. **[hint: packed lunch]**
4. The bats _____
sleep in our attic during the day. **[hint: nocturnal]**
5. I lost my phone _____
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride. **[hint: birthday present]**
6. We made popcorn _____
for my birthday party. **[hint: type?]**
7. Simone _____
doesn't speak much English yet. **[hint: from where?]**
8. We were helping the caretaker _____
to carry all the chairs into the hall. **[hint: back ache]**

9. There aren't many apples left _____
because we used them to make a pie. **[hint: lots earlier]**
10. 'Blue Peter' _____
has been on TV since the 1960s. **[hint: children's programme]**
11. Put some cushions _____
on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film. **[hint: how many?]**
12. My dog _____
is a very curly labradoodle. **[hint: name?]**

Challenge

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!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

