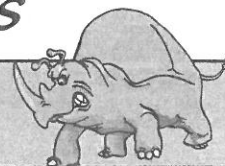


Brackets for Extra Information

Brackets are used to separate extra information from the rest of a sentence. You always need a pair of brackets — never use one on its own.

Uncle Nigel (my dad's older brother) works on a farm.

The bit inside the brackets is the extra information.

The rest of the sentence would still make sense without it.

Brackets are also called parentheses.

I don't like white chocolate (it's too sweet).

The full stop goes after the second bracket.

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Put a tick next to the sentences that use brackets correctly.

Rhinos (an endangered species) mostly live in Africa.

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Daniel was late to work this morning (his car broke down).

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The competition was won by Mr Fairclough (a train driver).

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Chris was upset (at the result) they should have won.

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Abi's dress pink with white flowers (was too long).

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Our neighbour (Mrs Bewley) forgot to put the bins out.

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In each of these sentences there is one bracket in the incorrect position. Cross it out and write a new bracket in the correct position.

Our friends James (and David) live across the road.

It was too hot (thirty-six degrees for the cat) to go outside.

(When we went fishing last weekend), I caught nothing.

The majority of the crowd (seventy-five) per cent wanted Gareth to win.

Jayne and Steve our (aunt and uncle) gave us a new sofa.