

Application Activity

I can use brackets to show parenthesis.



Remember - parentheses are words, phrases or clauses inserted into sentences which are grammatically complete without them. Here are some ways that information, which could be removed and the sentence still make sense, can be added using round brackets:

1. **An extra detail** – The passenger train (which was late) pulled up at the station.
2. **To offer the reader an aside** – I'm heading out (movie night), but I'll call you in the morning.
3. **An authorial intrusion** – Trainspotting (what a unique past time) was her favourite hobby.
4. **A list which interrupts a sentence** – The three busiest train stations in Great Britain (Waterloo, Victoria, Liverpool Street) are all based in London.
5. **A date, or the birth and death of a person** – William Tate (February 1798-20 April 1873) was the architect who designed Waterloo Bridge Station.
6. **A Latin name used after a common name** – The film 'My Fair Lady' opens with Eliza Doolittle selling violets (violas) outside Covent Garden.

Can you write your own example sentence for each one?

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Challenge – Try writing a character description of Darth Vader which uses brackets like the examples above.

Darth Vader (born Anakin Skywalker) is a fictional character in the Star Wars universe.

