

Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

9a. Tick two boxes to show where the dashes should go in the sentence below to indicate parenthesis.

To stop the build-up of traffic, the police
man who had just arrived took charge
and began to redirect the buses and lorries.



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9b. Tick two boxes to show where the dashes should go in the sentence below to indicate parenthesis.

To keep up-to-date with new ideas, the
pupil aged 10 read books avidly and often
recommended those he loved to his friends.



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10a. Which sentence has used dashes to indicate parenthesis correctly? Tick one box.

Last week, a break-in occurred at night – 1am to be precise – but the police still have no real clues.

During the evening – a break-in occurred – leaving police baffled as to who committed the crime.



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10b. Which sentence has used dashes to indicate parenthesis correctly? Tick one box.

Developed by scientists – the new-fangled device – will be put on display so that everyone can see it.

The state-of-the-art device is going on display – as of next week – so everyone will have a chance to view it.



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11a. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Jumping ahead of the line, the child couldn't wait to ice-skate his way around the rink at the newly built leisure park – it had only opened today and everyone was really excited to see it.



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11b. Underline the parenthesis in the sentence below.

Deviously, the dragon decided to booby-trap his entire cave in case someone attempted to steal his precious gold – it had happened before!



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12a. True or false? The sentence below needs dashes to indicate parenthesis.

With the weather worsening, the waves crashed against the shore and the boat looked in danger of sinking so the public called for help.



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12b. True or false? The sentence below needs dashes to indicate parenthesis.

This morning, Sasha the new girl in our class looked incredibly nervous when she stood up and introduced herself but she managed to get through it.



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