

## Punctuation for Parenthesis

For each of these sentences, add an extra information clause (parenthesis) in the spaces. Remember to mark the start and end of your parenthesis with **brackets, commas** or **dashes**. Vary your punctuation; don't use just one!

e.g. My brother never brushes his hair!

*My brother, who thinks he's really cool, never brushes his hair! OR*

*My brother - Jason - never brushes his hair OR*

*My brother (the scruffiest boy in history) never brushes his hair!*

1. I watched a horror film \_\_\_\_\_  
and it really scared me!
2. Dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_  
were a type of reptile.
3. We're not allowed peanut butter \_\_\_\_\_  
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts.
4. The bats \_\_\_\_\_  
sleep in our attic during the day.
5. I lost my phone \_\_\_\_\_  
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride.
6. We made popcorn \_\_\_\_\_  
for my birthday party.
7. Simone \_\_\_\_\_  
doesn't speak much English yet.
8. We were helping the caretaker \_\_\_\_\_  
to carry all the chairs into the hall.
9. There aren't many apples left \_\_\_\_\_  
because we used them to make a pie.

### **CHALLENGE**

Can you write three sentences of your own which include parenthesis? Remember to use brackets, dashes and commas.

## Punctuation for Parenthesis ANSWERS

NOTE - these are just examples of parenthesis. You may have come up with completely different ideas.

1. I watched a horror film (Haunted Dreams)  
and it really scared me! **[hint: title?]**
2. Dinosaurs (which are now extinct)  
were a type of reptile. **[hint: extinct]**
3. We're not allowed peanut butter (sandwiches)  
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts. **[hint: packed lunch]**
4. The bats (which are nocturnal)  
sleep in our attic during the day. **[hint: nocturnal]**
5. I lost my phone (which I got for my birthday)  
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride. **[hint: birthday present]**
6. We made popcorn (sweet & salty)  
for my birthday party. **[hint: type?]**
7. Simone (who is from Spain)  
doesn't speak much English yet. **[hint: from where?]**
8. We were helping the caretaker (who had a bad back)  
to carry all the chairs into the hall. **[hint: back ache]**
9. There aren't many apples left (there were lots earlier)  
because we used them to make a pie. **[hint: lots earlier]**