

Name _____ **Punctuation to Set Off Elements**

Parentheses add emphasis to the words contained within them. They are also used to provide information that might interrupt the normal flow of the sentence. Sometimes this information adds to the reader's understanding of the rest of the sentence:



Parentheses

EXAMPLE A: Adds emphasis:

Henry VIII (1491 – 1547) had six wives.

EXAMPLE B: Provides information that might interrupt the flow of the sentence:

My dog Augustus (whom everyone calls Buddy) refuses to sit on command.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence, placing parentheses in the correct places.

1. Rachel likes although I can't imagine why hip hop music.
2. Mark told Amy if you can believe it that he doesn't want to be her boyfriend anymore.
3. All dogs which are my favorite animal have the desire to be loyal to a human.
4. Tanya Tinsel whose real name is Edna Pratt is a famous actress.
5. I wanted to be in the first group they had the best counselor but I didn't get that lucky.