



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:

**EXAMPLE A:** Adds emphasis:

Karen Whittaker (1956 – 2014) wrote many poems.

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

My aunt Carol (who got married when she was sixteen) now has twelve children.

**DIRECTIONS:** Rewrite the sentences below, adding a few parenthetical words of your choice.

1. I'd like to introduce you to Phil Peterson.
2. I think I'll take the bus because it is faster.
3. The novel *My Friend Flicka* is about a horse.
4. Today I will be riding Caspar when we go out on the trail.
5. Gina is a straight A student.