

Using Parentheses in Writing

Dates, Numbers and Acronyms



Parentheses are often used in writing to give details the reader may want to know, for example, putting dates, numbers or acronyms in parentheses:

Abraham Lincoln (1809 – 1865) was president during the Civil War.

She paid a lot (\$250) for that purse.

My father works for Military Sealift Command (MSC).

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

1. The American Civil War 1861 – 1865 cost this country many lives.
2. Please check our Frequently Asked Questions FAQ page before contacting us.
3. Last night it got down to freezing 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
4. My father is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People NAACP.
5. There were so many 110 applications that it will take us forever to go through them all.