

Parenthesis

Q1.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.

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1 mark

Q2.

Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

I enjoy sitting in my bedroom even though it is quite small and listening to music.

1 mark

Q3.

Insert a pair of **brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The highest mountain in Great Britain is Ben Nevis 1,344 metres in Scotland.

1 mark

Q4.

(a) What is the **name** of the punctuation marks on either side of the words which was a spaniel in the sentence below?

Jay's dog (which was a spaniel) loved to play with its squeaky

bone.

1 mark

- (b) What is the name of a **different** punctuation mark that could be used correctly in the same places?

1 mark

Q5.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The wind was blowing howling, actually, so we headed – for home.

The wind was blowing – howling, actually – so we headed for home.

The wind was blowing, howling – actually – so we headed for home.

The wind was blowing howling actually – so we headed for home.

1 mark

Q6.

Insert a pair of **brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Lisa who had been playing the piano since she was nine had achieved *Grade 7*.

1 mark

Q7.

Why have **brackets** been used in the sentence below?

For further details, see 'how to draw animals' (pages 48-50).

Tick **one**.

to give additional information

- to show the writer's opinion
- to introduce a noun phrase
- to link two clauses together

1 mark

Q8.

Insert a **pair of dashes** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Some of the vegetables in the school garden especially
the carrots and pumpkins had grown to an enormous size.

1 mark

Q9.

Which part of the sentence should be enclosed in **brackets**?

Tick **one** box.

Most birds of prey including kestrels hunt inland,

but white-tailed sea eagles hunt on the coast.

1 mark

Q10.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

He decided after taking a few minutes to think, that it was a good idea.

He decided after, taking a few minutes, to think that it was a good idea.

He decided, after taking a few minutes to think, that it was a good idea.

He decided after taking a few minutes, to think that it was, a good idea.

1 mark

Q11.

Add a pair of **brackets** in the most suitable place in the sentence below.

Mr Jones a governor at South Street Primary School will present the prizes .

1 mark

Q12.

Insert the missing **punctuation** in the sentence below.

Pupils may in accordance with the uniform policy choose whether to wear a shirt or a T-shirt.

1 mark

Q13.

Which two of these sentences would be clearer with **brackets** to organise some of the information they contain?

Tick **two**.

The great white shark has been known to exceed 6 metres in length.

The two cars a red one and a blue one sped down the road.

Waves from the sea have the power to erode rocks over time.

A country with a mild climate has pleasant temperatures.

Jake a polite young man always holds open the door.

1 mark

Q14.

A pair of commas can be used to separate words or groups of words and clarify the meaning of a sentence.

Insert a pair of commas in each sentence below.

The teacher however was not amused.

The novel which is a fantastic story only took me two days to read.

1 mark

Q15.

Dashes can be used to provide additional information.

For example:

The new pupil – who is exceptionally clever – is likely to win the prize.

Insert a pair of dashes in each sentence below.

The opposing football team an imposing group of strong players looked set to beat us.

The new manager an able and very experienced person looks likely to transform the team.

1 mark