# 11.4 Brackets for Parenthesis: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

**Answer ALL questions.**

## The Astronomy Club

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On Thursday evening, the astronomy club (a small group who met after school every week) gathered on the school field to watch the meteor shower. Mr Patel, the science teacher who ran the club, set up two telescopes before the sky grew properly dark. Zara had brought her notebook (the same green one she used for every club meeting) so that she could sketch anything unusual. The first telescope - borrowed from the local observatory - needed careful adjusting before anyone could use it. Yusuf, who was usually the quietest member of the club, spotted the first shooting star and gasped in surprise. 'There are two more telescopes in the store cupboard,' said Mrs Ahmed, 'so everyone will get a turn before we pack up.' By nine o'clock the group had counted eleven meteors (a new club record, according to Mr Patel) and nobody wanted to go home. The sky, dark and perfectly clear, seemed to stretch on forever above the quiet field.

**1** Parenthesis is extra information added to a sentence. It is often marked with a pair of brackets. Tick the words that sit inside the brackets (the parenthesis) in each sentence below.

**(a)** The lion (the largest of the big cats) can weigh up to 250 kilograms. **(1)**

- ☐ A) the largest of the big cats
- ☐ B) can weigh up to
- ☐ C) 250 kilograms

**(b)** Our school trip (which had been planned since September) finally arrived. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Our school trip
- ☐ B) which had been planned since September
- ☐ C) finally arrived

**(c)** The bridge (built in 1887) is still used by walkers today. **(1)**

- ☐ A) The bridge
- ☐ B) built in 1887
- ☐ C) is still used


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**(d)** Priya's costume (a bright yellow raincoat) was easy to spot in the crowd. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Priya's costume
- ☐ B) a bright yellow raincoat
- ☐ C) was easy to spot

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**2** Underline the extra information enclosed in brackets in each sentence below.

**(a)** The recipe (which took almost two hours) produced a delicious cake. **(1)**

**(b)** Mount Everest (the tallest mountain in the world) attracts climbers from every country. **(1)**

**(c)** The museum's new exhibit (opening next Saturday) features dinosaur fossils. **(1)**


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**3** A true parenthesis can be lifted out of a sentence, leaving a sentence that still makes complete grammatical sense. Tick Yes or No to show whether each sentence below would still make sense if the bracketed words were removed.

**(a)** The dolphin (a highly intelligent mammal) leapt out of the water. **(1)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**(b)** (Amara) plays the violin every evening after school. **(1)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**(c)** Grandad's shed (which he built himself) is full of old tools. **(1)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**(d)** The (recipe) needs flour, sugar and butter. **(1)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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**4** In each sentence below, the brackets wrongly enclose part of the subject as well as the extra information. Rewrite each sentence with the brackets placed around the extra information only.

**(a)** The (bridge built in 1920) is a famous local landmark. **(1)**

**(b)** Sam's (favourite jumper a woolly blue one) was hanging on the peg. **(1)**

**(c)** The (whole match, which lasted three hours) exhausted both teams. **(1)**


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## Question 1

(a) A ticked (the largest of the big cats) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) the largest of the big cats**

(b) B ticked (which had been planned since September) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) which had been planned since September**

(c) B ticked (built in 1887) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) built in 1887**

(d) B ticked (a bright yellow raincoat) cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) a bright yellow raincoat**

## Question 2

(a) which took almost two hours underlined cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **which took almost two hours**

(b) the tallest mountain in the world underlined cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **the tallest mountain in the world**

(c) opening next Saturday underlined cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **opening next Saturday**

## Question 3

(a) Yes ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Yes**

(b) No ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **No**

(c) Yes ticked cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **Yes**

(d) No ticked cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **No**

## Question 4

(a) brackets repositioned to enclose only 'built in 1920', with 'The bridge' left outside cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **The bridge (built in 1920) is a famous local landmark.**

(b) brackets repositioned to enclose only 'a woolly blue one', with 'Sam's favourite jumper' left outside cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Sam's favourite jumper (a woolly blue one) was hanging on the peg.**

(c) brackets repositioned to enclose only 'which lasted three hours', with 'The whole match' left outside cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **The whole match (which lasted three hours) exhausted both teams.**


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