

How to...

Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.

Parenthesis is the addition of extra information or an afterthought in our writing.

It can be a word, phrase or clause marked with brackets, dashes or commas.

When a parenthesis is removed, the sentence still makes grammatical sense.

e.g. I moved to Cornwall in 2011 (when I was five years old).

still makes sense as:

I moved to Cornwall in 2011.

Here are some more examples:

The narcissus, daffodil, is a spring plant with yellow petals.

My brother - the one who lives in America - is coming over for Christmas.

Charlton Park won the league today (for the third season running).

Remember:

Only put brackets, dashes or commas around the parenthesis itself.

The sentence still makes sense without the added information.