

How to Properly Use Parentheses

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Parenthesis

Parentheses can be used in multiple ways.

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3. Horizontal lists or items require parentheses around either numbers or letter.

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I will go to the store in the evening(at 6 o'clock).

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Only 19% of the woodland area had deer living in it(Emmonds 36).

3. Horizontal lists or items require parentheses around numbers.

Mom said she needed four things from Target:

(1) Chocolate chips, (2) butter, (3) flour, and (4) sugar.



There should never be a time when a
parenthesis is used without the
other(not in a pair)

The new Starbucks(on 3rd Street
has a 4 star rating.



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