

# Parenthesis



Parentheses are used to set off information in a sentence that is important but not really a part of the main message.

Your sentence should still make sense if you were to delete the parentheses and the information contained in them.

**Good Examples of Parenthesis**

- Rachel finally responded (after taking 30 minutes to think) to my message about the party on Friday.
- Twenty-three new regulations have been set this month. (See Table 4.3)
- I want to attend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) one day.

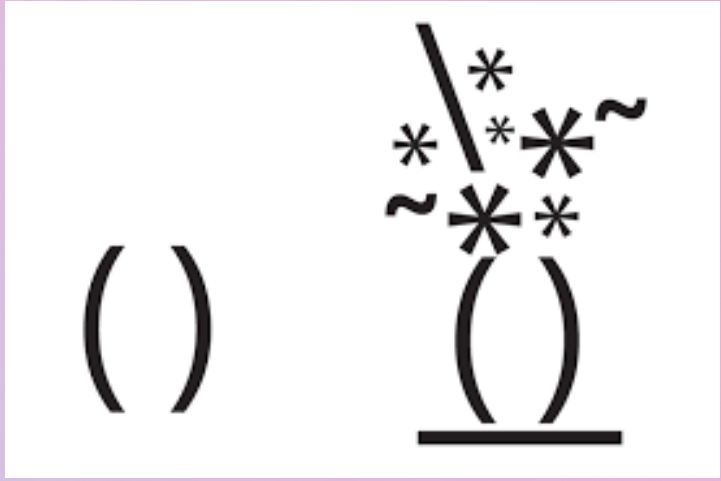
**Bad Examples of Parenthesis**

- I was walking to my car (it is grey) (it is outside my house in the drive way).
- I was hoping Dave (my childhood crush,) would ask me to homecoming.
- Jeffery (My Sisters Friend) is picking us up after school to hangout on Friday.

## FACTS:

- **If what is in the parentheses ends a sentence, the period goes after the parentheses.**
- **They always come in pairs.**
- **Periods go inside only if an entire sentence is inside the parentheses.**

- **Parentheses should be used around abbreviations or acronyms.**
- **Parentheses can be used to reference a source.**



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