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I can identify why parentheses have been punctuated in a particular way.

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Parentheses can be held in place with pairs of commas, brackets or dashes. Follow these basic rules and remember, the sentence should still make sense if the parentheses is ignored.

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Use commas to maintain the flow of the writing.

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Use brackets to add extra facts. The flow of the writing will be broken slightly.

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Use dashes to add really important facts that are crucial to the sentence. The flow of the writing is broken significantly.



Read each of the following sentences carefully, then decide which would be clearer with the given punctuation.

Which **one** of these sentences would be clearer with **brackets** to organise some of the information it contains?

- Countries near the equator have similar weather all year round.
- Bats flying mammals usually live near water.
- On average, a dog's litter consists of five to six puppies.

Which **one** of these sentences would be clearer with **commas** to organise some of the information it contains?

- Ben who has never played chess before won his first game.
- Sally has never played chess before but she won her first game.
- The River Thames flows West to East through central London.

Which **one** of these sentences would be clearer with **dashes** to organise some of the information it contains?

- The lottery attracting 7 million more players than last year now pays out more money than ever before.
- Although thought by many to be a myth the Loch Ness Monster is said to be over 10 metres in length.
- The average summer daytime temperature in Britain is 19 °C but on one occasion it reached well over 35 °C.