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Parentheses

Parentheses have many uses in writing, from setting off information for special consideration, to setting information aside because it may be interesting but unimportant. Some of the uses are shown in the examples below.

Parentheses can set off information that may be helpful but is not of primary importance.

Examples:

The high temperature today (91) set a record for the month of May.

My lab partner (the girl with red shoes) is going to show me how to use the software.

Sometimes parenthetical information is generally not necessary to understanding a selection or a sentence, but might be of interest later.

Example:

Mr. Franklin was an important printer, as was his brother (who did a great deal of writing on the subject).

Another way to use parentheses is to remind the reader of previous information.

Example:

Roses grown in this climate (hot and dry as opposed to cool and damp) will struggle.

Place parentheses around words or phrases in the sentences below, where appropriate.

1. Carola loves to go walking in the woods mostly in pine forests around her home.
2. The many species of wildlife both plants and animals give her plenty to study.
3. One of the best parts of walking out in the woods aside from the fresh air is the chance to feel a part of the natural world.
4. Carola often sees many shades of her favorite color green and loves the many textures, as well.
5. In all kinds of weather and Carola has seen it all walking outside never loses its charm for her.