

Use Brackets, Dashes and Commas to Show Parenthesis

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My brother, who thinks he's really cool, never brushes his hair! OR

My brother - Jason - never brushes his hair OR

My brother (the scruffiest boy in history) never brushes his hair!

1. I watched a horror film _____
and it really scared me!
2. Dinosaurs _____
were a type of reptile.
3. We're not allowed peanut butter _____
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts.
4. The bats _____
sleep in our attic during the day.
5. I lost my phone _____
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride.
6. We made popcorn _____
for my birthday party.
7. Simone _____
doesn't speak much English yet.
8. We were helping the caretaker _____
to carry all the chairs into the hall.
9. There aren't many apples left _____
because we used them to make a pie.

10. 'Blue Peter' _____
has been on TV since the 1960s.
11. Put some cushions _____
on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film.
12. My dog _____
is a very curly labradoodle.

Challenge

Now write three sentences of your own. Each one should be a complex sentence and include a parenthetical piece of information. Remember to use brackets, dashes or commas.

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1. I watched a horror film (Haunted Dreams)
and it really scared me! **[hint: title?]**
2. Dinosaurs (which are now extinct)
were a type of reptile. **[hint: extinct]**
3. We're not allowed peanut butter (sandwiches)
in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts. **[hint: packed lunch]**
4. The bats (which are nocturnal)
sleep in our attic during the day. **[hint: nocturnal]**
5. I lost my phone (which I got for my birthday)
when we went on the Thunder Roller ride. **[hint: birthday present]**
6. We made popcorn (sweet & salty)
for my birthday party. **[hint: type?]**
7. Simone (who is from Spain)
doesn't speak much English yet. **[hint: from where?]**
8. We were helping the caretaker (who had a bad back)
to carry all the chairs into the hall. **[hint: back ache]**
9. There aren't many apples left (there were lots earlier)
because we used them to make a pie. **[hint: lots earlier]**

1. 'Blue Peter' (a popular children's programme)
has been on TV since the 1960s. **[hint: children's programme]**
2. Put some cushions (four will be plenty)
on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film. **[hint: how many?]**
3. My dog (whose name is Pickles)
is a very curly labradoodle. **[hint: name?]**

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