



ANSWERS

1 Why have **brackets** been used in the sentence below?

Mr Simpson (my maths teacher) is really funny.

Tick **one**.

- to give additional information
- to show the writer's opinion
- to introduce a noun phrase
- to link two clauses together

1 mark

2 Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Sarah caught her bus (the number 25) just in time.

1 mark

3 Tick **one** box to show where **a dash** is needed in the sentence below.

My dad is buying me a present on Saturday it's a surprise.

1 mark

4 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

- The field behind – my house – is great for sledging.
- The field behind my house – is great – for sledging.
- The field – behind my house – is great for sledging.
- The field – behind my house is great – for sledging.

1 mark

5 a) What is the **name** of the punctuation marks on either side of the words 'chocolate buttons' in the sentence below?

I bought my favourite sweets (chocolate buttons) as a treat.

Award 1 mark for the correct response. • Brackets/a pair of brackets

1 mark

b) What is the name of a **different** punctuation mark that could be used correctly in the same places?

Award 1 mark for the correct response. • Dashes/a pair of dashes

• Commas/a pair of commas

1 mark

6 Which **two** sentences use punctuation to show **parenthesis**?

Tick **two**.

The weather today (dry and sunny) was great for a trip to the beach.

On Thursday, we will go for a bike ride.

Queen Elizabeth II ruled from 1952-2022.

Jack asked Zac – his best friend – to play Minecraft with him.

1 mark

7 Insert a **pair of dashes** in the correct place in the sentence below.

In the next part of the book – chapters 6 and 7 – we meet
three new characters.

1 mark

8 Tick **two** boxes to show where brackets should go in the sentence below.

Sally lost her bag the pink, flowery one when we were on a trip.

1 mark

- 9 Write the **name** of the punctuation that could be used instead of commas in the sentence below.

Sam and Olly, my friends from school, are coming to my house to play.

Award 1 mark for a correct response, e.g. • Dash/dashes/pair of dashes
• Brackets/pair of brackets

1 mark

- 10 Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The hotel is a short walk (around one kilometre) away from the beach.

1 mark

- 11 Why have **dashes** been used in the sentence below?

Kara and James went to the pool – the one with the slides – to help them cool down.

Tick **one**.

- to give the writer's opinion
 to link two clauses together
 to show parenthesis
 to show the thoughts of Kara and James

1 mark

- 12 Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The Shard (the tallest building in the United Kingdom) is 95 storeys high.

1 mark

- 13 Tick **one** box to show where a **dash** is needed in the sentence below.

Jamie knew one thing he wasn't watching the scary film.

1 mark

14 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

- Every day (aside from Sunday) my alarm wakes me at 7am.
- Every day aside from (Sunday) my alarm wakes me at 7am.
- Every day aside from Sunday (my alarm wakes me) at 7am.
- Every day (aside from Sunday my alarm wakes me) at 7am.

1 mark

15 Insert a **pair of dashes** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Eating plenty of fruit and vegetables – ideally five portions a day – helps you to stay healthy.

1 mark

16 Tick **two** boxes to show where **brackets** should go in the sentence below.

Charlie's new puppy a black labradoodle is absolutely adorable.

1 mark

17 Which sentence uses **a dash** correctly?

Tick **one**.

- The film was excellent. It was very – informative.
- The film – was excellent. It was very informative.
- The film was excellent – it was very informative.
- The film was – excellent. It was very informative.

1 mark

18 Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below. **1 mark**

The Sun is about 93 million miles (150 million kilometres) from Earth.

19 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
Tick **one**.

- Sue the lady next door – has a cat called Millie.
- Sue (the lady) next door has a cat called Millie.
- Sue the lady (next door) has a cat called Millie.
- Sue – the lady next door – has a cat called Millie.

1 mark

20 Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below. **1 mark**

Nobody heard what Billy was saying – he was nearly whispering.

Total marks