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Use Brackets to Show Parenthesis (Extra Information)

Sometimes we want to add a bit of extra information to a sentence as an afterthought. If we left out this extra word or phrase, the main sentence would still make sense. This is called **parenthesis**. There's an example of parenthesis in the title of this worksheet!

For each of these sentences, can you add a parenthesis in the space marked ____? There's a hint word to help you think what to write. Have a look at these examples.

e.g. My brother ____ never brushes his hair! [hint: **cool**]

My brother (who thinks he's really cool) never brushes his hair!

e.g. My brother ____ never brushes his hair! [hint: **name?**]

My brother (who's called Jason) never brushes his hair!

- 1) I watched a horror film _____ and it really scared me! [hint: **title?**]
- 2) Dinosaurs _____ were a type of reptile. [hint: **extinct**]
- 3) We're not allowed peanut butter _____ in school because there's a girl who's allergic to nuts. [hint: **packed lunch**]
- 4) The bats _____ sleep in our attic during the day. [hint: **nocturnal**]
- 5) I lost my phone _____ when we went on the ThunderRoller ride. [hint: **birthday present**]
- 6) We made popcorn _____ for my birthday party. [hint: **type?**]
- 7) Simone _____ doesn't speak much English yet. [hint: **from where?**]
- 8) We were helping the caretaker _____ to carry all the chairs into the hall. [hint: **back ache**]
- 9) There aren't any apples left _____ because we used them to make a pie. [hint: **lots earlier**]
- 10) 'Blue Peter' _____ has been on TV since the 1960's. [hint: **children's programme**]
- 11) Put some cushions _____ on the floor and we can lie down to watch the film. [hint: **how many?**]
- 12) My dog _____ is a very curly labradoodle. [hint: **name?**]

Challenge

Now write **three sentences of your own**. Each one should include a parenthetical (extra) piece of information.

Remember to use brackets!