

## Parentheses Spring 2011. Rev. Summer 2014.

Parentheses ( ) are used to enclose additional, non-essential information to clarify, explain, or add a side note in a sentence. Use parentheses to prevent disrupting the flow of a sentence. Another use of parentheses is to enumerate a list.

\_\_\_\_ 1. She is coming to our house after work around six o' clock.

A B C

\_\_\_\_ 2. I am going to visit my grandma my dad's mom today.

A B C

\_\_\_\_ 3. Amelia Earhart 1897-1937 was a famous aviatrix in the 20th century.

A B C

\_\_\_\_ 4. Hamlet's dilemma is "To be, or not to be" Shakespeare 3.1.59.

A B C

\_\_\_\_ 5. They asked me several questions in the interview: 1 What are my future goals?

A B C

2 What are my greatest strengths? 3 Where do I see myself in ten years?

D E F G

There are THREE answers for question 5

\_\_\_\_ 6. Buttercup's mother whirled on him "Did you forget to pay your taxes?"

A B

This was after taxes. But everything is after taxes. Taxes were here even before stew.

C

\_\_\_\_ 7. "And, as I seem to be making a clean breast of it, I must tell you, in strictest confidence

A B

that means, don't tell Miss Pittypat! That I did have the money, safe in a bank in Liverpool."

C D



7. If you like to travel, you will probably enjoy Paul Theroux's books he is a master of description.
8. Every year more and more Americans move to the Sunbelt the climate there, it seems, is irresistible.
9. The space program has always generated controversy some people believe that the money could be better spent on earth.
8. Caracas, Venezuela, and Los Angeles, California, share a common traffic problem both cities, I know, have complex freeway systems and enormous amounts of traffic.
9. The quickest route between San Francisco and Los Angeles is the inland highway the most scenic route is the highway along the coast.
10. "It's just an ordinary wardrobe look! And they all saw-Lucy herself saw- a perfectly ordinary wardrobe." *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*

### Colons :

1. is often used to introduce a list.
2. is used to introduce an explanation or reference to first part of a sentence.

1. My new mountain bike is so cool, it has 12 gears, front and rear suspension and its light.
2. The book I am reading is exciting I want to finish it.
3. That math exercise is difficult I do not understand algebra.
4. This year in high school, I play four sports soccer, football, rugby and baseball.
5. Jane is so desperate that she'll date anyone, even Tom he's uglier than a squashed toad on the highway, and that's on his good days.
6. I love reading all types of books mystery, horror, suspense, and biographies.
7. William was so hungry he ate everything in the house chips, cold pizza, pretzels and dip, hot dogs, peanut butter and candy.
8. There are four parts to a plant roots, stem, leaves and flower.
9. There is only one reason you failed you didn't prepare for the test.
10. You will need to finish three chores vacuum, mow the lawn, and make your bed.

\*Quotes taken from, *The Princess Bride*, *Gone With the Wind*, *The Outsiders* and *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*.