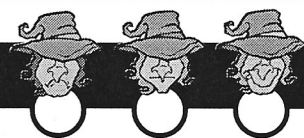




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I can use commas to indicate parenthesis.

Commas can be used to separate information (extra information that is not essential to the meaning of the sentence) from the rest of the sentence.

Sometimes the **parenthesis** (the part between the commas) comes in the middle of the sentence, and sometimes it can come at the end.

This has been set out like a play script

Miss Canning and Amber then began a rather heated exchange.

Underline all the words in parenthesis which are not essential to the sentence.

- 1 Miss C: That man, Mr Crumb, did not abide by the witches' code of conduct.
- 2 Amber: That man, as you call him, is a very good friend of mine.
- 3 Miss C: He performed magic, strictly against our rules, for his own personal gain.
- 4 Amber: His magic, I'll let you know, saved our lives on a couple of occasions.
- 5 Miss C: He performed magic on a television show, a talent contest no less!
- 6 Amber: His crime, if you can call it that, is nothing compared to the crime Esmeralda Evil is about to commit.
- 7 Miss C: That is highly improbable, in my opinion, and I will hear no more about it!
- 8 Amber: Mr Broom, the best teacher at Spellcaster, would tell you it was true.
- 9 Miss C: I shall ask him when he comes into school which, I'm sure, shall not be long!
- 10 Amber: He won't be able to because he has been eaten by Lucifer, Esmeralda's cat.
- 11 Miss C: Mr Broom, a highly experienced wizard, would not allow that to happen.
- 12 Amber: He died, completely selflessly, trying to save the lives of innocent children.
- 13 Miss C: He will be teaching the history of wizardry in Y4 this morning, as always.
- 14 Amber: Then I will have to save the school, St Augustine's, on my own!

And with that Amber swept out the office with Mr Crumb following closely behind.

Extension Write a dialogue between Amber and Mr Crumb using the comma for parenthesis.