

NASTY WRITING!



Relative clauses

Complete the sentences by adding a relative clause. You cannot use the same relative clause twice.

Challenge: Can you add parenthesis to one of your sentences?

Jack was my friend. *Tell the reader something about Jack*

Julian was uncharacteristically kind today. *Tell the reader something about Julian*

Mr Tushman is reading a book. *Tell the reader something about the book*

Lesson 2

3 MINUTES!

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Nasty Writing

What is wrong with the use of semi colons in these detailed lists?

I saw aggressive Julian; calm Charlotte; and quiet Auggie.

I went to the shop and bought 6 large eggs, a ham joint, and a loaf of bread.

Not detailed lists!

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I saw aggressive Julian; calm Charlotte; and quiet Auggie.

I saw Aggressive Julian who was impatiently tutting; calm Charlotte who was chatting away eagerly to Julian about how her Summer had been; and then August who looked about as nervous as any kid could.

I went to the shop and bought 6 large eggs, a ham joint, and a loaf of bread.

I went to the shop and brought 6 large eggs that were sourced from a local farm; a ham joint which weighed a whole kilo; and a loaf of bread that I asked the bakery to slice for me.

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Nasty Writing



Using a detailed list in your letter of apology will help you list the events that took place without completely retelling the story.

Create a detailed list using your morning routine that includes the use of semi-colons. *Tip: Relative pronouns can add detail to your lists.*

I woke up; got out of my bed which had been so warm and comfortable; took myself slowly down the stairs; and sleepily ate my soggy breakfast.

In a detailed list you place a semi colon before your final item, even if the next word is and. In a normal list we would not use a comma before the final item.

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Parenthesis

What is wrong with the parenthesis used in these clauses?

Add parenthesis, using brackets, on to the end of the sentence to add extra detail about the subject or object.

Punctuate the sentence and parenthesis correctly.

Julian was well respected even though he treated Auggie appallingly by Mr Tushman after the tour

Auggie was friends with Jack Will a fifth grader from Beecher Prep

Jack Will covered up for Julian in his letter of apology but he was far from innocent

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Write your own short sentence for Wonder. You need to make sure you include parenthesis.

This could tell the reader about a child, teacher or the school.

e.g. Jack Will was protective over Auggie.