

# Possible Parenthesis

- Explanatory words and phrases are called parenthesis.
- They can be inserted into sentences using parenthetical **brackets**, **commas** or **dashes**.
- For example: **Mr Brown shouted.**

**Mr Brown (the caretaker) shouted.**

**Mr Brown, the caretaker, shouted.**

**Mr Brown - the caretaker - shouted.**

Look at this sentence:

**Mr Brown found  
the key in his desk.**

There are all sorts of bits of explanation  
that could be added.

Who is he?

**Mr Brown found  
the key in his desk.**

What key?

What desk?

**Mr Brown - our  
teacher - found the  
key, which he had  
lost, in his desk  
(where he normally  
keeps his spare teeth).**

**Now it's your turn to  
have a go.**