

PARENTHESIS

Parenthesis adds extra information to a sentence. It is particularly useful for adding more information about a setting or character.

Brackets (), dashes - - and commas , , indicate parentheses.

REMEMBE: If the parenthesis is removed, the sentence must still make sense.

TASK 1

Read the setting description, Then, find the different uses of **parenthesis** throughout the text.

Highlight, circle or write them down

TASK 2

Read the character description. Then, add **parenthesis** in each **highlighted** gap.

Remember to punctuate accurately and check your sentences make sense.

TASK 1



Deep in the azure universe, a misty haze (with a horrendous stench) began to form under the canopy of swaying, rugged trees. What was this place?

Almost unbelievably, constricting vines – that looked like slimy snakes - curled around thick spiraling branches, which braced and creaked. Dangling down from the layer of moss, vast leaves flickered like church candle flames in a breeze. Gently, sweet-scented pollen, which the insects adored, drifted through the archways created by the curving branches, creating halos of light above and below.

Immediately beyond the gargantuan leaves, was a most delightful sight; strange, exotic, unfamiliar plants which glowed bright neon colours (reminding many of a kaleidoscope). Sapphire, ruby and emerald pierced the sometimes dull surroundings - filling it with a song of life and colour.

Occasionally encouraged by the wind, these supernatural forms danced and twisted as though keeping in time to some silent, environmental rhythm. Maybe, this was a truly magical alien world, because even in the chaos of the natural surroundings, where vines choked vines and branches beat down branches, it was perfect! Yet, there was still a sense that perhaps this was all a mask for a darker presence...

TASK 2



The vile stench of rotting bones hit him in the face. Beowulf began walking through the entrance to the cave.

Suddenly, he heard a squelch underneath his feet. He looked down. The floor of the damp lair was a carpet of thick, blood-red liquid.

Tentatively, he took a few more steps in and was inside the lair. The dagger like rocks above his head were leaning towards him and covered in filthy, muddy, green algae.

Not far ahead, there was a growling roar as Beowulf was adjusting to his pitch black surroundings. The disgusting breath of the hideous beast nearly knocked him backwards. Beowulf did not frighten that easily. He knew the sea-hag must be close.

Without notice, a slimy, scaly tail struck Beowulf in the back He fell to his knees. There was silence for a few seconds although Beowulf knew that Grendel's mother would come back for more. Bravely, Beowulf stood up and lifted his head. Right in front of him was a pair of piercing green eyes. As quick as lightening, Beowulf reached out with his hand and scratched the beast's eyes with his nails. The sea hag let out a scream that filled the air.