

Using Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis & Mark Boundaries Between Clauses

Dashes have two functions. They can be used in pairs, like commas or brackets, to indicate parenthesis (to add extra information). Or a single dash can be used, like a colon or a semi-colon, to separate two clauses. The single dash can also give the impression of a dramatic pause, e.g. *The cupboard was crawling with all manner of revolting creatures – including venomous snakes!*

When you have finished today's work, we will have then covered using brackets, commas and dashes to indicate parenthesis. In Year 6, you will learn about the subtle differences between when to use each of these.

Task:

1. Read Chapter 8 (p126 of the PDF, starts '*Amber ran at full pelt...*') for the next part of the story.
2. Work through the **Green** Magicians sheet (p128) in your book.
3. Mark your work using the answers on p149 (under the heading 'Chapter 8') of the Y5 SPaG PDF file.