

# The first thing we're going to look at is Parenthesis

Adds extra information/additional thoughts to a sentence

- Can be added within or onto the end of sentences.
- Can be added using dashes, brackets or commas.
- In informal writing (like diaries), dashes are often used.
- The sentence around the parenthesis should make sense both with and without it.

E.g.


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What other parenthesis could you add to these sentences.

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Today you are going to write Lady Macbeth's  
diary.

The background of the slide is a book cover for 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. The cover has a dark red background with white paint dripping down it. At the bottom, the word 'MACBETH' is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is 'by William Shakespeare'. On the right side, there is a white silhouette of a castle or fortress. The overall theme is dark and ominous, fitting the play's subject matter.

MACBETH

by William Shakespeare

Dear Diary,

My wife wants to kill the King.

Why on earth!? It's murder! Treason no less! I fear I have told her too much about the witch's prophecy. She is so determined – desperate even - to become Queen yet I do not think I could do it! Could I really KILL King Duncan? Lady Macbeth told me to 'Look like the innocent flower but be the serpent underneath it.' She certainly believes that I have the strength – the conviction – to commit such a deed. I'm not so sure that I do.

I worry about what she has planned. She can be so devious sometimes! Dare I say it – she scares me. As soon as I returned home today it was like she already had it all planned out. Beneath her beauty lies something far more sinister. Then again, she is intelligent... the most intelligent woman I have ever met! If anyone can pull this off, she can. Maybe I should trust her. Her plan – surely – will be fool proof. It is only one night...one deed. Tonight, King Duncan stays here, at Glamis castle. Lady Macbeth is convinced he won't ever leave. She has never let me down before, has she? No never. I should trust her. After all, she is doing this for us. For our future.... so we can rule Scotland. Well, I do kind of like the sound of that. I do hope she knows what she's doing. If we can pull this off...

Dare I believe it?

This could actually work.

Hopefully, when I write tomorrow, I will write of my success... of how I am to be crowned King.

What you could include:

Dear Diary

- Start with a statement of most important/prominent thought in your head right now
- Duncan is coming tonight – how do you feel, what are you thinking?
- Ask the evil spirits for help (as Lady Macbeth does in her soliloquy)
- What is worrying you?

Features to include:

- First person (I, me, we)
- Colloquial/informal language (how she would talk)
- Innermost thoughts and feelings that you wouldn't share with anyone else!
- Exclamations and questions
- Parenthesis for extra thoughts

What **not** to include:

- Description. It's not needed!
- Don't tell the story of what has happened

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*This is the GAP for today. I have included an extra slide on the next page to give you some extra ideas as to how to construct your writing.*

1	Dear Diary	Dear Diary
2	Statement of most important/prominent thought in your head right now	We're going to kill the King. There, I said it. An evil deed must be done and I've called upon the evil spirits to fill me with darkness.
3	Reflect on how you feel about the prophecy to be Queen.	Isn't it fantastic? I deserve to be Queen. Witches don't just prophesise these things for no reason. I am meant to be Queen and I will be. If it is up to me to make this happen, then so be it.
4	Duncan is coming tonight – how do you feel, what are you thinking? You want the spirits to help you be evil.	A messenger told me that Duncan is staying here tonight. This is our chance! To make all of our dreams come true. He must be killed. I will play the gracious host but Duncan will not live to see the sunrise tomorrow. I am nervous with excitement! I have never felt this way before. It's exhilarating! I've called upon the evil spirits to help me... to fill me with darkness and cruelty, so that I can do this. For us.
5	What is worrying you?	Macbeth does worry me. I fear he does not have the conviction to commit treason. He is too noble and whilst I love him for that it is his biggest undoing. It could stand between us and the crown!
6	Convince yourself that you need not worry	Not to worry though... I will convince him. After all he's wrapped around my little finger. He will do whatever I tell him to. I can make him do evil things. We will be successful. Tomorrow, mark my words, the King will be dead and the crown will be ours.