

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.**