

# Step 1: Using Commas In Lists, Adverbials and Clauses

## Introduction

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**Parenthesis** is a word, phrase or sentence that is put in writing as extra information or an afterthought. If the **parenthesis** is taken away, the passage would still be complete without it ←

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**True because if the information within the commas was removed the sentence would still make sense**

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**A. Separate clauses**

**B. Parenthesis**

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- C. In May this year Class 5 are going on a trip to the War Museum despite it being a long drive.**

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- C. In May this year, Class 5 are going on a trip to the War Museum, despite it being a long drive.

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**Example answer: The lake, which was freezing cold, was popular with swimmers.**

## Reasoning 1

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**Explain your answer.**

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**A uses a comma correctly because it separates the clauses in the sentence.**

## Reasoning 2

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**Is he correct? Explain your answer.**

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**Eesa is incorrect because he has not used a pair of commas around the extra information. There should be a comma after 'centre'.**