

Blitzen's Bracket Challenge

Blitzen loves to use brackets for parenthesis in her sentences. Parenthesis is a word, phrase or clause that is put in a sentence as extra information. If you took the parenthesis away, the sentence would still make sense. For example:

Jesus was born Bethlehem.

Jesus (the king of kings) was born in Bethlehem.



Blitzen wants you to read the sentences below and add the brackets around the **parenthesis** (the bit of extra information in each sentence).

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2. The first Christmas card which was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole was sent in 1843.
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