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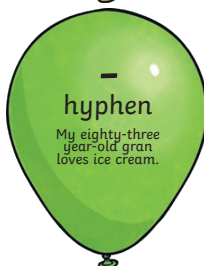
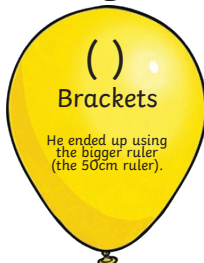
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Accept any sentences which accurately contain the correct piece of punctuation, such as:

- I couldn't wait: my birthday was minutes away.
- Jim (my favourite uncle) always sends me a birthday card.
- The blood-thirsty vampire turned into a bat.