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What two pieces of information does this sentence give us?

What do you notice about the piece of text that is underline?

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With dashes this is a type of **parenthesis**, which means extra information which is not vital to the meaning of the sentence.



We went into the kitchen to find that the cakes – all ten of them – had vanished!

In this sentence, the dashes used for parenthesis helps us to draw our attention to the extra bit of information.

The dashes are short and don't touch eany letters on either side of them.

Now to try putting parenthesis with dashes in the right place to these sentences, write them out!

- 1. The Moon although it appears to be silver actually has no light.**
- 2. Jamila's father who is a doctor told us about his work at the hospital.**
- 3. The water was cold really freezing so we quickly jumped out again.**
- 4. They threw everything, bills, letters and notes into the bin.**

Now let's try putting our own parenthesis with dashes into a sentence:

1. The city _____ was an exciting place to be.
2. Mars _____ is smaller than Earth
3. Gavin _____ won the competition.
4. The casket _____ is now on display in the museum.