



Literacy Lesson 6: Hyphens & Brackets

A. Hyphens are used to link compound words like:

X-ray

Vice-president

Brother-in-law

Task 1: Can you think of any more hyphenated words like these?

High-voltage

much-loved

stick-up

one-way-street

Self-important

sixty-three

re-sign (rather than resign)

Task 2: Do you think you can add to this list of common prefixes
(the bit *before* the hyphen)?

non-
low-
head-
ex-

neo-

co-

mid-

pre-

anti-

self-

B. Brackets are a very common way of adding extra information to a sentence.

Task 3: Can you insert the brackets into these four sentences?

Charles Dickens (1812-1870) was the most popular author of the Victorian era.

Steven Gerrard (Captain) was man of the match against Napoli.

Our school (The Connaught school) got its best exam results ever in August 2010.

Steve (my best friend) has just moved to Scotland.

That's all Folks!