

What is wrong with these sentences? Why are they incorrect?

L.O. I am learning to use commas for clauses.

Annotate and explain why these sentences are incorrect. Then write them correctly below.

William was evacuated to the countryside,  
Little Weirwold.

As the coral sun began to set over the  
desolate land.

In the morning Mr Oakley made William a  
cup of tea and a bacon sandwich.

William, who was called Willie by his mother.

L.O. I am learning to use  
brackets and dashes in  
informal writing.

Next week, you are  
going to write your  
own evacuee letter.  
Imagine you have  
been evacuated to  
the countryside  
during the war and  
you are writing to  
your family.



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to your parents or carers, what tone  
would you use?*

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Why might  
brackets and  
dashes be used in  
an informal letter?

Click here for further  
explanation on  
parenthesis!



Brackets and dashes are  
used for parenthesis.

Commas are less  
obvious to the reader  
and can be seen in  
formal and informal  
writing. Brackets can be  
seen in both but dashes  
are only see in informal  
writing.

If you are finding this hard, try the pink task.

Dear Mum,

I really hope you're safe and well in London.

When I got on the train to Bridgley, I was very upset after saying goodbye. On the train, there were lots of other children crying and shouting. I felt a little overwhelmed to be honest, so I didn't eat my lunch.

Eventually, we arrived at the billeting office on Thursday afternoon. I had to sit in my chair quietly and wait for someone to collect me. At first waiting made me very anxious. I didn't know if anyone wanted a Londoner like me. I felt more queasy and panicked as the time passed. After what felt like hours, a man with only a little hair and round glasses arrived. He looked very serious and I was terrified he would shout at me, but he smiled, which calmed me down a little. He told me to keep my chin up and come along with him.

The man's name is Mr Read. I'm staying with him and his wife in a house on the top of a steep hill, on a winding country road. There are apple trees in an orchard here and the air smells like wet grass and earth. I'm enjoying exploring the garden and feel relaxed now that I'm here. I'm grateful that I'm staying with nice people.

Tomorrow I'm going to school. There are more than a hundred children there. Mr Read says there will be a lot of evacuees like me. I hope I get along well. I would like to do some more maths and spelling but I am not sure what the schools are like here, so I will have to see.

I miss you very much and I will write to you again soon.

Lots of love,

James.

Can you add  
parenthesis to this  
example evacuee  
letter?

You can choose to  
edit the letter or  
rewrite it if you  
wish, including  
some dashes and  
brackets into the  
letter.

(Remember you don't want  
to overdo it so just 1 or 2  
per paragraph is enough!)