**Learning Objective**We are learning how to write great sentences about pebble toads, using brackets, commas and dashes to indicate parenthesis.

**Challenge 1**

**Read each sentence and place the parenthesis (additional piece of information) inside either a pair of brackets, dashes or commas.**

1. The toad-eating tarantula which is an ambush predator patrolled the craggy cliff top.
2. The pebble toad measuring little more than an inch landed safely in a puddle.
3. Venezuela a country in South America is home to the remarkable pebble toad.
4. Shaped like a pebble and similar in colour the toad bounced down the cliff face.
5. The cameraman who worked for the BBC filmed the tumbling toad in slow motion.

**Challenge 2**

**Rewrite each of the following sentences by adding a parenthesis (an additional piece of information) after the word that has been highlighted in bold. Try to use the full range of parenthesis punctuation marks: brackets, dashes and commas.**

1. The **film crew** struggled to get their equipment to the top of the mountain.
2. The **toad-eating tarantula** appeared from behind a rock.
3. The **mountaintop** was a dangerous place for the pebble toad.
4. As the **tarantula** prepared to strike, the toad rolled itself into a tight ball.
5. The remarkable **pebble toad** climbed the vertical cliff face.
6. In parts of South America, **tarantulas** are roasted and eaten by the Piaroa tribe.
7. In the jungle far below, **animals** could be heard from far and wide.

**Challenge 3**

**Take the following sentence on a journey by improving and adding to it in the following ways:**

1. Add a parenthesis to the sentence after the word highlighted in bold.
2. Improve this sentence with one or more expanded noun phrases.
3. Improve this sentence with a more powerful verb.
4. Write a second sentence that follows on from the first and which includes at least two descriptive words from the Word Wall.
5. Write a third sentence that also uses parenthesis.



ambushed

daredevil

toad-eating tarantula

tensed

plunged

amphibian

rigid

motionless

cartwheeled

hunter

paradise

bounced

pebble toad

**Word Wall**

*The pebble* ***toad*** *started his ascent of the mountain.*