**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis.

**Challenge 1**

**Read the paragraph below and highlight the parenthesis including the punctuation.**

The little red flying fox (named because its head and ears are shaped like a fox) is one of four species of flying fox located in Australia. It feeds on fruit and nectar from flowers. Its tongue is small so it can find nectar more easily. It has large eyes (allowing it to see at night) which it uses along with its acute sense of smell to locate food. Travelling from habitat to habitat, it is a migratory mammal (and the only mammal to be able to fly for a sustained time) that follows its food source across the country. The red flying fox is a pollinator – like bees and butterflies – as it spreads pollen and helps trees and plants disperse their seeds.

**Challenge 2**

**Read the following sentences carefully. Some have parenthesis, but the punctuation is missing. Decide if the sentence has any added information and then decide which punctuation (commas, brackets or dashes) to use to indicate where it is.**

1. Red flying foxes can weigh up to 1kg about the same as a bag of sugar and have a wingspan of up to 1 metre.
2. Flying foxes which aren’t really foxes but have a face and ears like a fox have the largest body size of all bats.
3. When red flying foxes get hot, they fan themselves with their leathery wings.
4. The bats have lightweight bones allowing them to fly more easily and bodies covered in fur.
5. To drink, the bats have to dive bomb towards open water like rivers and lakes being careful not to get their wings wet which will stop them being able to fly as hungry predators lurk beneath the surface waiting for a tasty bat dinner!

**Challenge 3**

**Use your knowledge of the little red flying fox and some of the words from the Word Wall to insert a parenthesis into each of the following sentences.**

1. Little red flying foxes travel long distances to find food.
2. During the day, little red flying foxes roost.
3. Sometimes, flying foxes get caught on barbed wire or power lines.

**Stretch activity: Now refer back to the Word Wall, and use it to write your own sentences about the little red flying foxes that include parenthesis**