

BRACKETS

WHEN TO USE BRACKETS?

- 1. To help clarify information about the subject or subject matter
 - "She [Jane] wasn't so sure about the plan," Bill said.
 - "He was planning to get it [the game] tomorrow during his lunch break."
- 2. To note any translation for material quoted in a foreign language
 - "The only French I spoke in Paris was parlez-vous anglais [Do you speak English]".
- 3. To notate grammatical errors
 - He said, "It came to my house and than [sic] went to hers."
- 4. To change the punctuation to maintain contextual accuracy
- Although "[h]e wasn't sure about all the details", John was pretty certain that it would be an easy class.