

BRACKETED EXPRESSIONS

e.g.

exempli gratia (for example)

Use this expression before inserting one or more examples inside of parentheses.

EX:

I really like different kinds of ice cream (*e.g.*, Rocky Road, Strawberry, and even Vanilla).

[Note: It is customary to place a comma after the abbreviation.]

i.e.

id est (that is -or- in this case)

Use this expression before to provide another way of explaining a term or idea (or even further explanation). **DO NOT USE FOR EXAMPLES.**

EX:

These techniques were characteristic of the Ninja (*i.e.*, a Japanese Assassin).

[Note: It is customary to place a comma after the abbreviation.]

etc.

et cetera (and the rest)

Use this expression after a series of items to express that there is more in the series (but you will not list the rest of the series)

EX:

We have heard all about your concerns (*e.g.*, the money problems, the car problems, the martial problems, *etc.*).

sic

sic (thus)

Use this expression after quoted text to indicate that despite any observable errors in the quote, the text was written or said exactly as it appears. **USE BRACKETS TO ENCLOSE THE EXPRESSION - DISTINGUISHING IT FROM ANY OTHER PARENTHETICAL MATERIAL.**

EX:

DJ Rocket once wrote, "I cain't imgine how a foo went bow tit" [*sic*].

When using any Latinate abbreviations, it is customary to put them into italics.