

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.