

Examples of When To Use Brackets []

Use To Add Important Words to Quotes

Example: “The fire started here [in the kitchen] and continued to the living room,” reported the firefighter.

Use To Add Editorial Changes

Example: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for *mankind* [emphasis ours].” –Neil Armstrong

Use Inside Parentheses

Example: She referenced an old book of hers (*The Big Book* [1976]) in her new book

Use To Show Quoted Errors

Example: “I always knew I’d make it too [sic] the major leagues,” the new pitcher posted on social media.

Use in Translations

Example: My father always used to say, “*Finché c'è vita c'è speranza* [While there’s life, there’s hope].”