

Find Missing Closing Parentheses
WordPerfect Magazine
Q&A

Q: I often type an opening parenthesis but forget to insert a closing one. Is there a way for 5.1 to give me a warning when this happens? – S. J. Estes, New York, NY

A: This can be accomplished with the included PAREN.WPM macro. When you've finished typing your document, invoke the macro by pressing Macro (Alt-F10), typing "paren" and pressing (Enter) . The macro will begin by placing the character at the end of the document. This is a marker to signal the macro that it is at the end of the document. The macro then searches for an opening parenthesis. When one is found, the macro then searches for a closing parenthesis. If another opening parenthesis, or the marker at the bottom of the document, is found before a closing parenthesis, a bell sounds and you will be prompted to Move cursor, type ")" and press (Enter). Once this is done, the macro starts the process over again, searching for an opening parenthesis. When an opening parenthesis isn't found, the macro then deletes the character at the bottom and quits.

Note: This macro won't work properly on mathematical statements that contain nested parentheses.