**Grammar Mania Monday: Hyphens, Dashes, Etc.** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hyphens

* Use a hyphen if part of a word must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from one line to the next.
  + The word must have at least two syllables in order to be broken.
    - C o m p u t e r
  + Separate the word between syllables.
    - B r o a d c a s t
  + You must leave at least two letters on each line.
* Use hyphens in certain **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
  + A compound word is a combination of two or more words that function as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Vicepresident
    - Selfreliance
    - Mother in law
* Use hyphens in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from twenty**-**one through ninety**-**nine.
  + My sister turned twenty eight on our grandmother’s eighty second birthday.
* Use hyphens in spelled out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Onethird of a cup
* Use hyphens with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + For prefixes, use a hyphen with ex-, all-, mid-, self-, etc.
    - Ex husband
    - All encompassing

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| **Punctuation Mark** | **Frequency** | **Meaning** |
| comma | most common |  |
| parentheses | use sometimes |  |
| dash | least common |  |

Dashes

* Use dashes to show an abrupt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Clara Bartonwhose nickname was angel of the battlefieldfounded the Red Cross.
* Use a dash to set off a word or phrase that is not essential to the main idea in order to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Commas or parentheses can also be used in place of dashes. However, they do not provide the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Parenthesis

* Use parentheses to set off material that is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ related to the rest of the sentence.
  + During the Civil War 1861-1865 she helped keep track of dead soldiers in order to help their families.
* Unlike dashes, parentheses **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** material.
* Use for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ items.
  + “Four items are on the agenda for tonight’s meeting: (1) current treasury figures, (2) current membership figures, (3) the budget for renovations, and (4) the campaign for soliciting additional public contributions” (Troyka and Hesse 449).

Pair Practice

1. We have to go back to the car I left our tickets there!
2. I will need fifty four stamps.
3. My collection is two thirds complete.
4. I have a well balanced stamp collection.
5. Buying new baseball cards they are usually cheap is something I do quite often.
6. I wear my dirt covered shoes every day, no matter what people tell me.
7. *The Liberator* published from 1935 to 1865 promoted radical anti slavery views.

Individual Practice

1. I have a few thirty two cent stamps.
2. I just got a few new self sealing stamps.
3. My prized baseball card oh no! is missing.
4. Putting together a model no matter how easy it may look always takes time.
5. I'm not sure and neither is Francine if the rollercoaster is worth the long line.
6. The three crayons I grabbed out of the box were green, blue, and red orange.
7. I'm coming to see you don't forget!
8. Basketball games will start up again in mid December.