

Dashes and Hyphens

Dashes can add interruptions, information, or emphasis to your writing. Though dashes can be an effective writing tool, don't overuse them!

Hyphens connect words, numbers, and letters. (Turn to 395.1-395.3 and 396.1-397.3 in *Write Source 2000* for more about dashes and hyphens.)

EXAMPLES

Dashes:

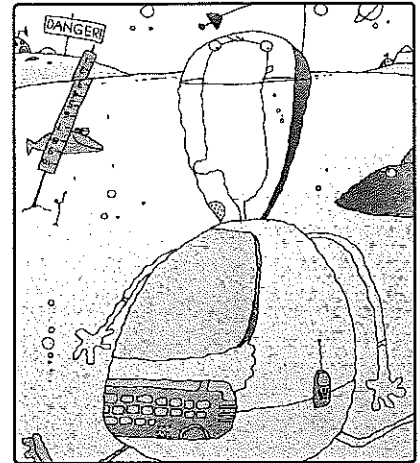
Look out—that puddle is two feet deep!

(The dash and following text add emphasis and information to the warning.)

Hyphens:

Being a juggler isn't an average *nine-to-five* job.

(The hyphens turn the words *nine to five* into a single-thought adjective.)



Directions

Punctuate the following sentences correctly. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. That's not your run [^]of [^]the [^]mill slam dunk.
2. Your brother in law really knows how to fix cars.
3. My great grandfather is 99 today.
4. There's only one sport swimming I've ever really enjoyed.
5. Make a U turn so we can go back to that gas station.
6. No one and I mean no one may leave this room.
7. The woman slipped on the ice covered sidewalk an accident waiting to happen.
8. Arlo Hale is the president elect of the Nottingham Running Club.
9. The blue and white striped bench had a wet paint sign on it.
10. I could eat only three fourths of the big slice of strawberry rhubarb pie.