

Hyphens

Hyphens can be used to divide words and to form compound words. It might seem that hyphens have two opposite purposes; but really, hyphens have a single purpose: to make your writing clearer. (Refer to sections 396.1-397.3 in your *Write Source 2000* handbook for more information.)

EXAMPLES

To Create New Words:

The *self-taught* musician started his own band.

To Make a Compound Word:

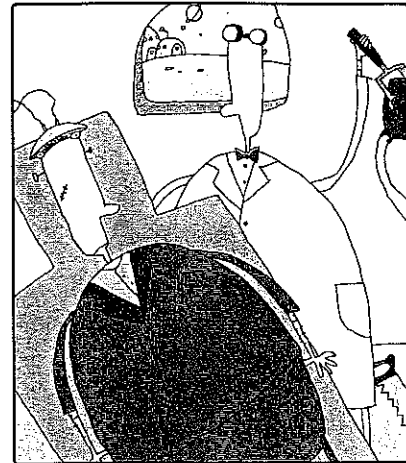
My *thirteen-year-old* sister is very good at Frisbee golf.

To Join Letters and Words:

The boomerang, a *V-shaped* stick, was sold by *Wham-O* Manufacturing.

Between Numbers in a Fraction or a Compound Number:

Why would *twenty-two* people each drink less than *one-half* cup of eggnog?



Directions

Add hyphens to the following sentences as needed. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. My brother ⁱⁿ ^{law} owns nine Frisbees and thirty ^{two} hula hoops.
2. My great uncle was a friend of the Frisbee's inventors.
3. These self employed inventors also created popular toys like boomerangs and slingshots.
4. Many ever popular products were made by long forgotten inventors.
5. The can opener was invented in 1858, but a more user friendly version was made in 1870.
6. Blue jeans, the all American pants, were invented by a canvas salesperson from San Francisco during the gold rush of the 1850s.

7. By inventing these basic all around pants, Levi Strauss created a new industry.
8. Blue jeans, now a world famous product, were first made out of canvas.
9. In 1916, Garrett Augustus Morgan was given a medal for his safety hood invention, which led to the development of the gas mask.
10. Use of the just invented gas mask saved the lives of three fourths of the workers in a tunnel explosion that year.
11. One of the ex directors of the American Red Cross was Dr. Charles Drew.
12. Out of work people sometimes become great inventors.
13. One of the most well known inventors was Alexander Graham Bell.
14. It took many years of trial and error research to invent the X ray machine.
15. By spilling some soft, sticky rubber on a red hot stove, Charles Goodyear created rubber as we know it today.
16. Forty one out of sixty eight people agreed that most inventions are made from one tenth inspiration and nine tenths perspiration.
17. If you have an idea for a super duper invention, you could possibly become a self made millionaire.



Next Step Invent a game that you could play with an everyday product found in your home. Then write a paragraph or two explaining how to play the game. Ask a classmate to read your writing and check for correct use of hyphens.