

KS2 Grammar Quiz

Y6 To use a dash
To use an ellipsis

Teacher Instructions

- this quick quiz contains 10 questions
- the question slide is followed by the answer slide
- it is designed to be used following the teaching of dashes and ellipsis for retrieval practice
- it links to our teaching PowerPoints for dashes and ellipsis
- it could be used to assess pupil knowledge prior to teaching
- it could be used as a starter activity

Question 1: What is an ellipsis?

an ellipsis shows that expected words or phrases have been deliberately missed out

an ellipsis shows that expected words or phrases have been accidentally missed out

an ellipsis is used make the reader want to read on

an ellipsis shows the end of the chapter

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Question 2: Which of these sentences is punctuated accurately?

Come to the USA . a huge adventure is waiting for you!

Come to the USA (a huge adventure)is waiting for you!

Come to the USA a huge adventure is waiting for you!...

Come to the USA...a huge adventure is waiting for you!

Question 2: Which of these sentences is punctuated accurately?

Come to the USA...a huge adventure is waiting for you!

Question 3: When is a dash used?

a dash can be used to join 2 words together to make a new word

a dash can be used to show an interruption

a dash can be used to show repetition

a dash can be used when the writer is stuck

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Question 4: Which sentence is punctuated accurately?

"H - h - e - e - l-p!" stuttered Jackson.

"Hheelp!" stuttered Jackson.

"H - h ... e - e ... l-p!" stuttered Jackson.

"Help - - - - !" stuttered Jackson

Question 4: Which sentence is punctuated accurately?

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Question 5: Add punctuation to these sentences.

"You're alive!" gasped Harold.

"We will walk carefully along," began Gordon.
"I'm going to run!" interjected Edward.

Thomas took a step forward and fell

Donald who wanted a new car had saved his money for a long time.

Question 5: Add punctuation to these sentences.

"You're **a-l-i-v-e!**" gasped Harold.

"We will walk carefully along -" began Gordon.
"I'm going to run!" interjected Edward.

Thomas took a step forward and fell...

Donald - who wanted a new car - had saved his money for a long time.

Question 6: Which of these statements are true?

an ellipsis can have as many dots as you want

a dash and a hyphen are used in the same way

only use an ellipsis for suspense

a dash can be used before a final comment

Question 6: Which of these statements are true?

a dash can be used before a final comment

Question 7: Use dashes as parentheses to add information to these sentences

The tunnel wound underneath the mountain for miles.

Below the sea, huge craters could be seen in the sea-bed.

Above, the precipice was shrouded in swirling mists.

Long tentacles emerged from the eerie sky.

Question 7: Use dashes as parentheses to add information to these sentences - **many answers are possible**

The tunnel - **dark and dank** - wound underneath the mountain for miles.

Below the sea, huge craters - **filled with boiling lava** - could be seen in the sea-bed.

Above, the precipice - **pierced with forbidding jagged rocks** - was shrouded in swirling mists.

Long tentacles - **seething with red pulsating suckers** - emerged from the eerie sky.

Question 8: Explain why these ellipsis have been used incorrectly.

There was no hope... at all.....

.....Oh! No!.....

The dog...sitting on the sofa.

Will ... who was thirsty... drank a pint of water.

Question 8: Explain why these ellipsis have been used incorrectly.

There was no hope... at all..... - too many dots use

.....Oh! No!..... inverted commas should be used for speech

The dog...sitting on the sofa. the word is has been accidentally missed out

Will ... who was thirsty... drank a pint of water. ellipsis cannot be used for parentheses

Question 9: Use dashes or ellipsis in these sentences

Although it was summer, the ice cream which Lenny was holding didn't melt.

He had clung onto the edge for several minutes until help arrived he let go.

The yawning gap, just one step in front drew him, he stepped forward

"Go go go!" screamed the terrified woman.

Question 9: Use dashes or ellipsis in these sentences

Although it was summer, the ice cream - which Lenny was holding - didn't melt.

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Question 10 : Write a paragraph, on one of these topics, which uses dashes and an ellipsis.

a narrow bridge

a deep gorge

a gushing waterfall

an avalanche