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Which dash is often used in pairs to set off a parenthetical statement?

- Em Dash
- En Dash
- Hyphen
- Double Hyphen

Which of the following are keyboard shortcuts for inserting an em dash? (Select all that apply)

- Alt + 0151 (Windows)
- Option + Shift + Dash (Mac)
- Ctrl + Dash (Windows)
- Alt + 0150 (Windows)

What is the primary function of an em dash in a sentence?

- To indicate a pause
- To join words
- To create a strong break or add emphasis
- To separate syllables

Which dash is typically used to indicate a range of numbers?

- Em Dash
- En Dash
- Hyphen
- Double Hyphen

In American English, how is an em dash typically formatted in a sentence?

- With spaces on both sides
- Without spaces on either side

- With a space before but not after
- With a space after but not before

Which style guide is known for having specific rules about dash usage?

- APA
- Chicago
- MLA
- All of the above

Which dash is used to join compound modifiers before a noun?

- Em Dash
- En Dash
- Hyphen
- Double Hyphen

Which dash is commonly used to show connections or contrast between words?

- Em Dash
- En Dash
- Hyphen
- Double Hyphen

What is the typical use of a hyphen?

- To indicate a range
- To join words or parts of words
- To add emphasis
- To separate clauses

What are common mistakes when using dashes? (Select all that apply)

- Overusing em dashes
- Using a hyphen instead of an en dash for ranges
- Not using spaces around en dashes
- Using an em dash in place of a period

Which dashes are typically not surrounded by spaces? (Select all that apply)

- Em Dash
- En Dash
- Hyphen
- Double Hyphen

In which situations would you use a hyphen? (Select all that apply)

- To join compound words
- To indicate a pause
- To separate syllables in a word
- To indicate a range of numbers

Which of the following are true about the en dash? (Select all that apply)

- It is longer than a hyphen
- It is used to indicate a range
- It is surrounded by spaces
- It can show connections between words

Provide an example sentence using an en dash to indicate a range, and explain why an en dash is appropriate in this context.

Discuss the potential impact of overusing em dashes in a piece of writing.

What are some stylistic considerations a writer might take into account when deciding to use dashes in their writing?

Which of the following are correct uses of an em dash? (Select all that apply)

- To replace commas for emphasis
- To indicate a range of dates
- To set off a parenthetical statement
- To join compound adjectives

How do different style guides (e.g., APA, Chicago, MLA) influence the use of dashes in academic writing?

Explain the difference between an em dash and an en dash in terms of their length and usage.

Describe a scenario where using an em dash would be more effective than using commas or parentheses.

