

ELLIPSES

What is an ellipsis? Ellipse grammar refers to the use of three consecutive dots (...) to indicate the omission of words or a pause in speech. They are used to create suspense, indicate unfinished thoughts, or suggest trailing off in dialogue. It is important to use ellipses sparingly and correctly to avoid ambiguity and maintain clarity in writing.

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Q1: Which of the following is an example of an ellipsis used to indicate omitted words in a quote?

- A: "The answer to life, the universe, and everything...is 42."
 - B: "I saw her standing there...and my heart skipped a beat."
 - C: "The sun set over the horizon...painting the sky in vibrant hues."
 - D: "He said, 'I'll be there...if you need me.'"
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Q2: Which of the following is an example of an ellipsis used to show a trailing off or hesitation in speech?

- A: "I was going to say... um... never mind."
 - B: "The cat... it just... disappeared!"
 - C: "She asked me to... well, you know..."
 - D: "I have a lot of things to do today..."
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Q3: Which of the following is an example of an ellipsis used to create suspense or anticipation?

- A: "I looked around the corner and saw... nothing."
 - B: "She paused for a moment... and then opened the envelope."
 - C: "He whispered in her ear... a secret she would never forget."
 - D: "The door creaked open... revealing a dark and mysterious room."
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Q4: How many dots are typically used to represent an ellipsis?

- A: One
 - B: Two
 - C: Three
 - D: Four
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Q5: Which of the following correctly uses an ellipsis to indicate the omission of words?

- A: "The sky is... blue."
 - B: "The sky is... beautiful."
 - C: "The sky is blue..."
 - D: "The sky is blue."
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Q6: Can an ellipsis be used to create suspense or anticipation?

- A: Yes, definitely
 - B: No, never
 - C: It depends on the context
 - D: Only in creative writing
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Q7: In a direct quotation, how should an ellipsis be indicated?

- A: Square brackets with three dots: [...]
 - B: Angle brackets with three dots: < ... >
 - C: Double quotation marks with three dots: " ... "
 - D: Single quotation marks with three dots: ' ... '
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Q8: Which of the following sentences uses an ellipsis incorrectly?

- A: "I was going to tell you, but... it doesn't matter now."
 - B: "She packed her bags, said goodbye... and left."
 - C: "I have a secret... I can't keep it anymore."
 - D: "The book... was interesting and informative."
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Q9: Can an ellipsis be used at the beginning of a sentence?

- A: Yes, always
 - B: No, never
 - C: Only in informal writing
 - D: Only in creative writing
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Q10: What is the primary purpose of using an ellipsis?

- A: To indicate a mistake in the text
 - B: To emphasize a word or phrase
 - C: To create suspense or indicate omitted words
 - D: To separate items in a list
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Answers

Q1: D - "He said, 'I'll be there...if you need me.'"

Q2: A - "I was going to say... um... never mind."

Q3: D - "The door creaked open... revealing a dark and mysterious room."

Q4: C - Three

Q5: A - "The sky is... blue."

Q6: A - Yes, definitely

Q7: C - Double quotation marks with three dots: " ... "

Q8: B - "She packed her bags, said goodbye... and left."

Q9: C - Only in informal writing

Q10: C - To create suspense or indicate omitted words