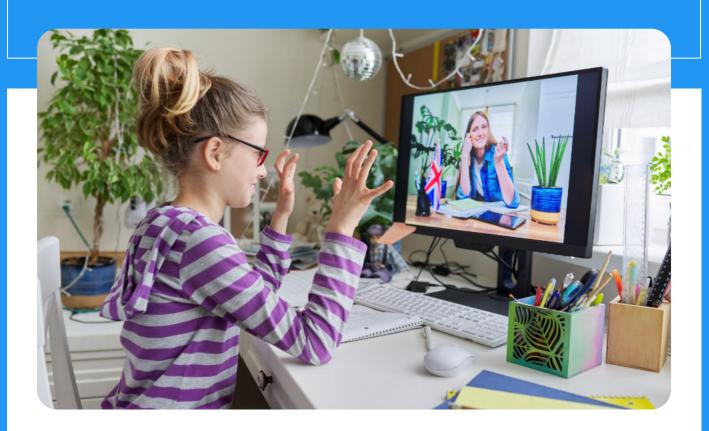


The answer to the question of what is an em dash is that it is a punctuation mark that indicates a pause in a phrase. It's more involved than a hyphen and serves many purposes. Depending on the style guide or typographic standards, the dash may be rendered by two hyphens (–) or an em dash (–).

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### Q1: What is the primary purpose of using a dash in a sentence?

- A: To connect two independent clauses
- B: To indicate a pause in speech
- C: To separate items in a list

#### Q2: Which of the following is a correct use of a dash?

- A: The car parked in the driveway was red.
- B: The car parked in the driveway was red.
- C: The car park in the driveway was red.

# Q3: Which punctuation mark can be replaced with a dash to indicate a break in thought?

A: Comma B: Colon C: Parentheses

# Q4: True or False: Dashes should be used frequently in formal academic writing.

A: True B: False

#### Q5: How is a dash different from a hyphen?

- A: A dash is longer than a hyphen.
- B: A dash is used to connect words.
- C: A dash is used for compound words.



### Q6: How does a dash affect the emphasized part of a sentence?

A: It downplays the emphasis.

B: It enhances the emphasis.

C: It has no effect on the emphasis.

#### Q7: Which style guide is known for recommending a spaced en dash?

A: APA Style B: MLA Style C: Chicago Manual of Style

#### **Q8:** Choose the sentence with the correct use of a dash:

- A: She was tired—she didn't get enough sleep.
- B: She was tired-she didn't get enough sleep.
- C: She was tired; she didn't get enough sleep.

## Q9: How should a dash be placed concerning the surrounding words or punctuation?

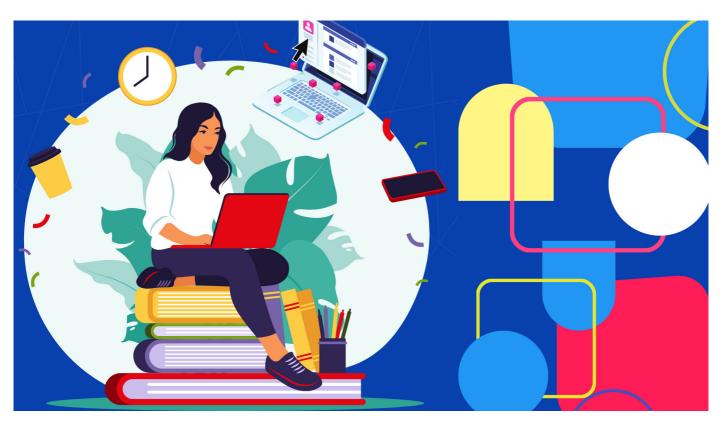
A: With space on each side

- B: Touching the words or punctuation on each side
- C: Placed above the words or punctuation

## Q10: True or False: Dashes can be used interchangeably with parentheses in all situations.

A: True B: False





#### Answers

- Q1: B To indicate a pause in speech
- Q2: A The car parked in the driveway was red.
- Q3: A Comma
- Q4: B False
- Q5: A A dash is longer than a hyphen.
- Q6: B It enhances the emphasis.
- Q7: C Chicago Manual of Style
- **Q8:** A She was tired—she didn't get enough sleep.
- Q9: B Touching the words or punctuation on each side
- Q10: B False