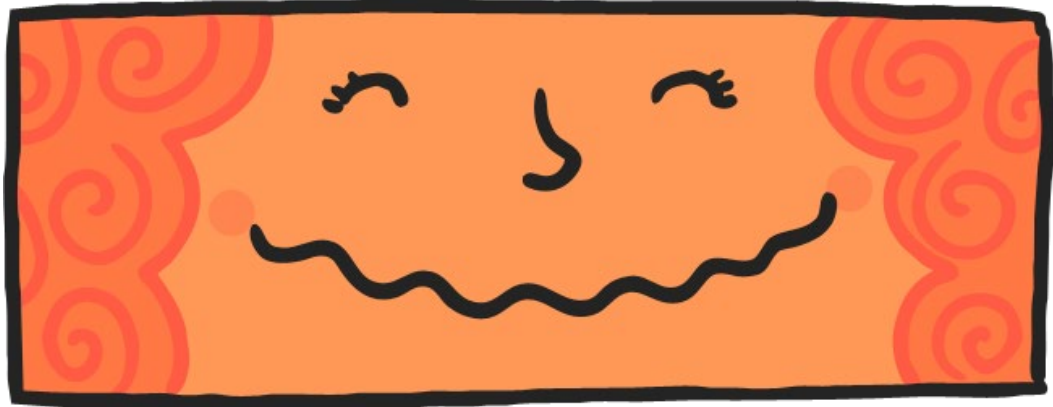


Punctuation Character

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To use dashes to show parenthesis.



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Consolidating Dashes

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I love tennis – I play it every day.

Sonny is coming on holiday with us next week. (pair of dashes)

Sonny – my favourite soft toy – is coming on holiday with us next week.

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Consolidating Dashes

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This sentence would still make sense without the part within the dashes.

This part of the sentence gives extra information so this part could be removed.

Add Detail

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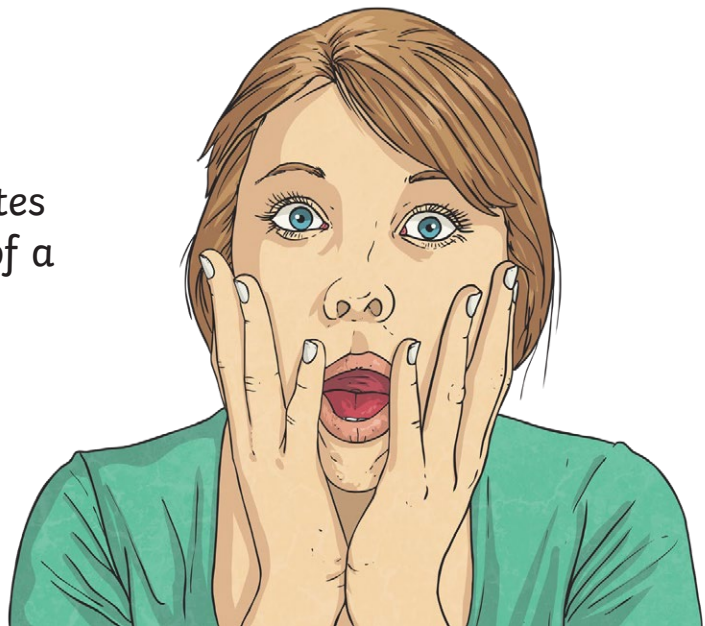
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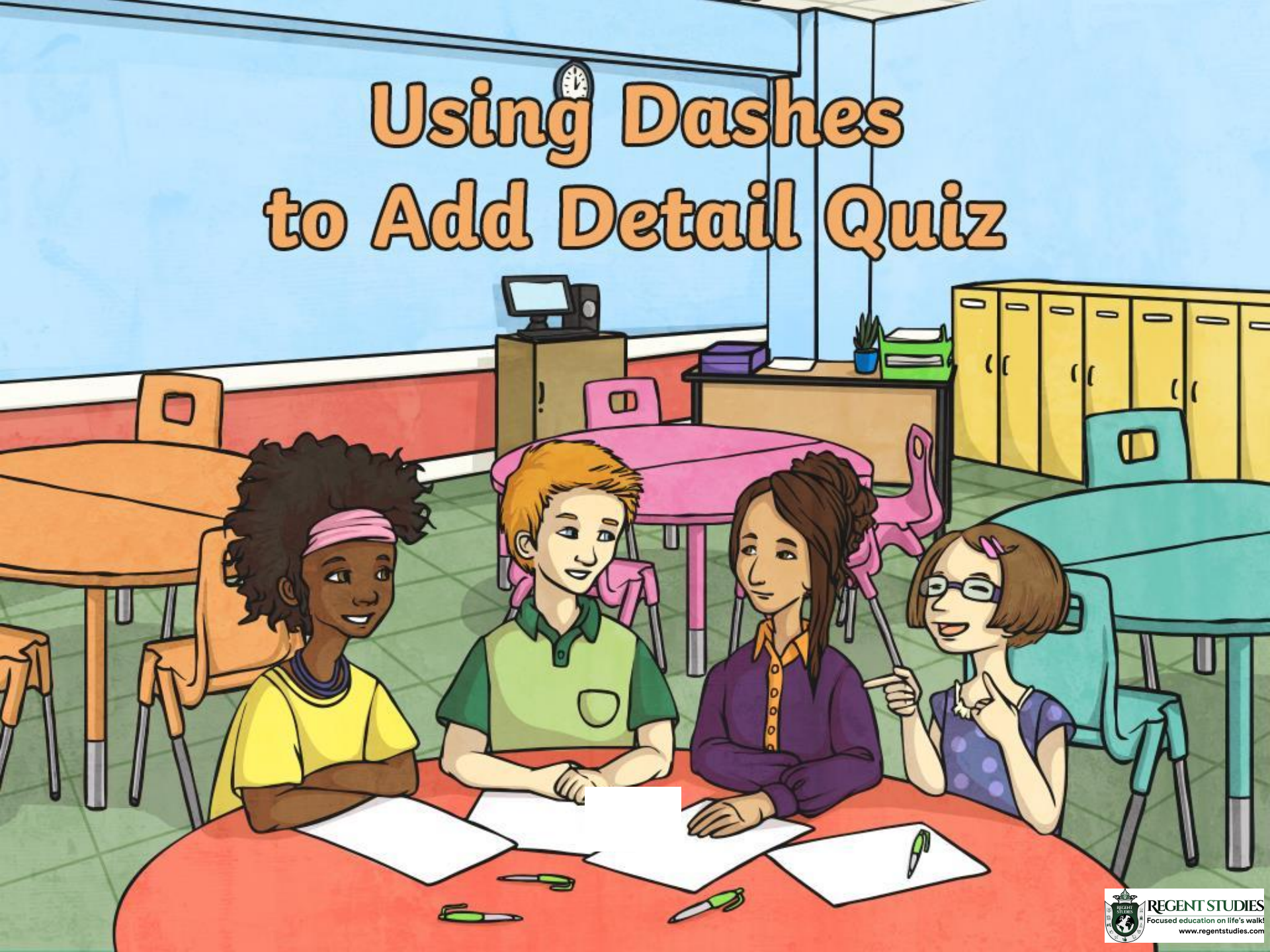
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Using Dashes to Add Detail Quiz



Which sentence correctly uses dashes to add detail?

Many cats but not all of them – sleep for 15 hours 1 a day.

Many cats but not – all of them – sleep for 15 hours of day.

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Which sentence correctly uses dashes to add detail?

Her mother – a great athlete in her teens – showed her daughter all of her medals.

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Which sentence correctly uses dashes to add detail?

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This year I am going to New York – I have never been out of Europe before – and I am very excited.

This year – I am going to New York – I have never been out of Europe before and I am very excited.

This year I am going to New York I have never been out of Europe before and I am – very – excited.

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One day – last month – I’m sure it was on a Tuesday I fell down and grazed my knee.

One day last month I’m sure it was on a Tuesday – I fell down – and grazed my knee.

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I have given the letter – which you sent me two days ago – to my dad.

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Dashes to Add Detail Mini Test

1. Look at the sentences below. **Re - write** them with the dashes added into the correct places.

3 mark

- I'd better have passed my test it's ninety percent of my class grade or I'll have to repeat this subject.

- My hair colour went wrong it turned pink!

- She might come to the party I hope so.

2. **Tick** the statements which are correct and cross the incorrect statements.

4 mark

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Dashes to Indicate Parenthesis

1. Look at the sentences below. **Rewrite** them with the dashes added into the correct places.

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Add a dash at the end to add some dramatic information (like in the example).

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