

Indicate Omission

An ellipsis is a series of three dots (. . .) which shows that some text has been left out. Omitted material can include the passage of time, an unfinished thought, or text from a quotation that does not affect the meaning of the quotation.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. Identify what the ellipsis in each sentence indicates. Write the correct letter on the line.

A. passage of time B. an unfinished thought C. text from a quotation

_____ 1. "I was thinking . . ." Karen began.

_____ 2. Rachel trained . . . and trained . . . and trained.

_____ 3. When questioned about the incident, Jim said, "Yes, I was there . . . but I didn't see anything."

_____ 4. Winter came . . . and then spring . . . and still Jerry did not return.

_____ 5. "I forgot all about it," Jim said. "I just . . . forgot."

_____ 6. The entire town . . . was temporarily devastated by the flu.

_____ 7. Lincoln . . . was very accomplished in many ways.

_____ 8. The moon rose . . . we saw their dark shadows coming across the silvery field at last.

_____ 9. "I was under the impression that . . . didn't you graduate last year?"

_____ 10. They didn't come across any signs of life, animal or vegetable, for weeks . . . their long, drawn-out death must have been agonizing.

