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Using Dashes

Dashes indicate a change in direction in a sentence. They are stronger than a comma, but not as strong as a period. Dashes can be used to:

- signal an explanation is coming;
- create dramatic effect;
- indicate an unfinished thought or comment; or
- (a pair of dashes) set apart a group of words that provide an explanation or comment.



DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence, putting in the missing dashes.

1. Rachel loves dogs all kinds of dogs.
2. Jennifer is a hard worker the hardest worker I have ever seen.
3. If it were me oh forget it.
4. She recently got a promotion I can see why.
5. I don't mind as long as you are back by midnight.
6. I am overwhelmed at work the tasks just keep on coming.
7. Those boys the Weasley twins are always up to something.