A dash can be used to signal an interruption, especially within a quotation. A dash is longer than a hyphen. To type a dash, either use two hypens (--) or the character called an em dash (―).

**EXAMPLE:** Mother said, “If I catch you in that cookie jar one more time—”

The dash can work as ending punctuation; there is no period after a dash, and there are no spaces around a dash.

Rewrite each sentence below, using a dash.

1. George said, “But if I’m not there”

2. “Joe promised” Amy cried, when her friends told her the bad news.

3. Kim was saying, “That’s the last we’ll see of” when Kevin reappeared.

4. “In that case” Fiona was saying when her boss interrupted.

5. “Yesterday at lunch, Rachel” my friend started to say, but I kicked her under the table.

6. “I don’t think so, unless” but she didn’t finish her sentence. We both knew it was impossible.