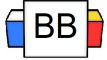




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Question: If you could combine two animals, what would they be and why?

Answer:



Directions: Underline any **red or bold words** that appear in the video.

What's a hyphen?

A hyphen (-) is a punctuation mark used to join words or parts of words. Use a hyphen in a compound modifier when the modifier comes before the word it's modifying or changing.

What is a compound modifier?

A compound modifier comprises two or more words that work together to function like one adjective. When you connect words with the hyphen, you make it clear to readers that the words work together as a unit of meaning.

- (\$)He is a well-informed journalist.

Generally, you need the hyphen only if the two or more words function together as an adjective before the noun they're describing. If the noun comes first, leave the hyphen out.

You also don't need a hyphen when your modifier comprises an adverb and an adjective.

- Do you expect me to believe this clearly-impossible story?
- Do you expect me to believe this clearly impossible story?



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Hyphen with a noun, adjective, or adverb and a present participle

When we combine a noun or adjective and a present participle (a word ending in -ing) to form a unit of meaning that describes another word, use a hyphen to make that unit of meaning clear.

- There are some beautiful looking teeth in your mouth.
- There are some beautiful-looking teeth in your mouth.

Don't use a hyphen when the modifier comes after the noun it's describing.

- This medication is fast acting.

Don't use a hyphen when combining an adverb and a participle.

- Incorrect: The room was like a heavily-decorated chocolate box.
- Correct: The room was like a heavily decorated chocolate box.

Hyphenated compound words

Hyphenated compound words are the ones (obviously) with a hyphen between the words.

- Mother-in-law
- Master-at-arms
- Editor-in-chief
- Ten-year-old
- Factory-made
- Twelve-pack
- Ex-friend

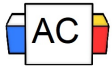


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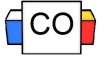
Hyphens and numbers

Numbers between twenty-one and ninety-nine should be hyphenated when they're spelled out.

- Fifty-six bottles of milk on the wall, fifty-six bottles of milk...
- No, I won't party "like it's nineteen ninety-nine."
- I've got a hundred twenty-two of these gizmos to sell.



Directions: Write an original sentence that uses a hyphen in it.



Your Answer: (see above)

**Extra
Notes**