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**Question:** What/who interrupts you the most?

**Answer:**



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

### **What is a dash?**

Dashes are used to indicate pauses or range.

There are two types of dashes:

- Em dash
- En dash

### **En dash**

The en dash is often used to indicate spans of time or ranges of numbers. In this context, the dash should be interpreted as meaning either “to” or “through.”

Example: The instructor assigned pages 117–183 for tonight's reading material.

Example: The scheduled carwash should be between 1:00–3:00 pm.

### **Em dash**

- To provide further explanation, clarification, or a summary of the material that comes before the dash
- To introduce a short list within a sentence
- To define a term
- To highlight information at the end of a sentence

Example: The building next to ours—the one with the all-mahogany exterior—was engulfed in flames.

Example: The dogs—Sparky, Lucy, and Alan—ran wild all over the field.

Example: He is someone I don't trust—a liar of sorts.



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**Directions:** For each sentence, determine whether the sentence is using an em dash or an en dash.

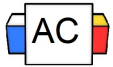
Example: I had a meeting between 2:00-3:30.

Example: I had various ailments—bronchitis, edema, and pains—that I could not heal.

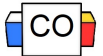
Example: I want—with the utmost desire—to purchase and devour strawberry ice cream.

Example: He is a snake who lies to get ahead in life.

Example: The space is about 1-2 inches in width.



**Directions:** Write two original sentences. One should use an em dash, and the other should use an en dash.



**Your Answer: (see above)**

**Extra Notes**