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Topic: The Ellipsis/Ellipses



Question: Do you lose your train of thought a lot?

Answer:



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

What's an ellipsis?

An ellipsis, or ellipses in the plural form, is a punctuation mark of three dots (. . .) that shows an omission of words, represents a pause, or suggests there's something left unsaid.

Specifically, it shows that words have been cut from a direct quote, so the reader knows the original passage has been modified.

Omitted Words

In writing, ellipses are used to show the reader that words have been removed, typically from direct quotes. More often than not, this is done to cut out parts of the quote that aren't relevant to the topic or to make the quote more concise.

- Original: "I can't think of a time when I was happy. My life has been a dark abyss since you left me. I am alone in an existential crisis where my heart will never heal, and my brain will never slow. Why must I endure such pain?"
- Rewritten: "I can't think of a time when I was happy. My life has been a dark abyss since you left me...Why must I endure such pain?"

How does an ellipsis work?

If an ellipsis is placed at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence, it means something has been removed, or it represents a silence or pause, as if the speaker trailed off. If an ellipsis comes at the end of a sentence, it suggests that there's more to the story.



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- Example: I don't really think...
- Example:if you say so.
- Example: ...I don't think this is a good idea.
- Example: If we could just stop the Lollipop Lunatic...



Directions: Take an original quote of your choice and make it more concise using an ellipsis.



Your Answer: (see above)

**Extra
Notes**