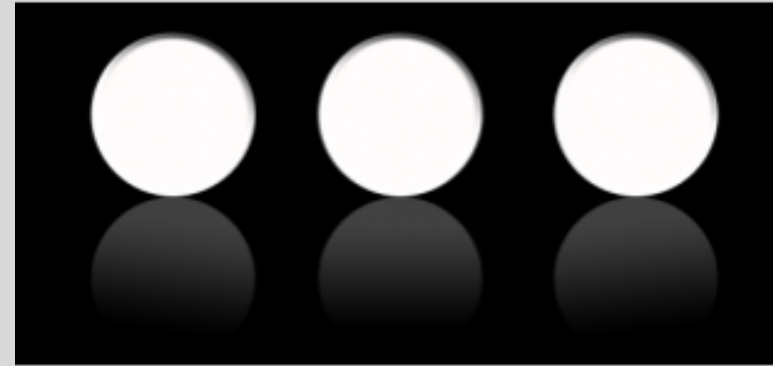


Ellipses



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Singular form: ellipsis

3 dots written like: ... or . . . depending on the writing style

Two ways ellipses can be used in a sentence:

- Shows omission of word/words in a quote without changing the meaning
- Creates a pause for suspense, hesitation, or trail off

(Malnik, Jessica 4)

Good examples of using ellipses in sentences:

Original Quote: "I'm going to eat lunch with my friend, Erik, but I'll be home in time to meet the cable guy."

- Quote with Ellipsis: "I'm going to eat lunch ... I'll be home in time to meet the cable guy." **Word/words are omitted without changing quote meaning**
- The winner is ... Tom Jones! **Adds suspense**
- I thought I had my wallet, but ... **Indicates trail off**



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Bad examples of using ellipses in sentences:

Original Quote: "I don't go out to eat very often, but I would go for a good burger."

- Quote with Ellipsis: "I don't go out to eat ... for a good burger." **Omission changes the meaning of the quote**
- "I don't go out to eat but I would go for a good burger."
Too many dots used



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