

Ellipsis

- When an ellipsis is used, it can be used to show an omission, or leaving out, of a word or words that are in a quote.
 - When removing a few words and replacing them with an ellipsis, it should not change the meaning of the quote.
 - ex. “After class I went to my mother’s bakery, which was exactly three blocks away school, and then headed home.” can be changed to “After class I went to my mother’s bakery...and then headed home.”
- Another way an ellipsis can be used is to show a pause a sentence in order to create suspense for the reader.
 - ex. “When the twin girls opened their gift... they saw... the puppy they had been longing for.”
- Lastly, an ellipsis can be used to show a break, or fading, of a thought.
 - ex. “I have no idea how to fix this car...,” he said.
- An ellipsis is created by exactly three dot.
 - “...”

NON EXAMPLE: “I went to the store...”

Ellipses in Quotes	
Should I use an ellipsis...	
At the beginning of a quote if it starts mid-way through a sentence	Depends on style guide
In the middle of a quote if you are omitting words	Always if omitting words
At the end of a quote if it ends mid-way through a sentence	Depends on style guide
At the end of a quote if it ends at the end of a sentence	Usually no ellipsis needed



The ellipsis must consist of **three evenly spaced dots (periods) with a space before and after the three dots.**

