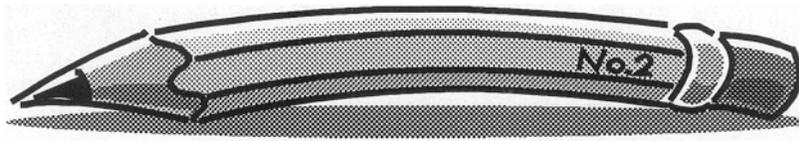


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## GRAMMAR PRACTICE

### Using Hyphens

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Hyphens can be used in several ways. Here are some of them. Be sure to consult a dictionary if you have any questions.

Use a hyphen in compound numbers from twenty-one to ninety-nine.

Ex: thirty-one      eighty-four      seventy-seven

Use a hyphen in a compound adjective that precedes a noun. If the compound adjective comes after the noun, do not use a hyphen.

Ex: A blue-green bird      He used a made-up word      The brand is well known

Use a hyphen after the prefixes *all*, *ex*, *self* and when identifying a *century*.

Ex: ex-husband      fifth-century      all-state      self-serving

Use a hyphen after a prefix and a capitalized word.

Ex: pre-World War II

Use a hyphen after the prefix *anti* joined to a word beginning with the letter *i* and after the prefix *vice*.

Ex: anti-immigration      vice-principal

Use a hyphen to divide words at the end of a line. Be sure to make the break only between syllables.

Ex: re-mem-ber      com-pli-ment      sax-o-phone

If the word at the end of the line ends in *ing* and the final consonant is doubled before the suffix, use the hyphen between the consonants.

Ex: swim-ming      skip-ping      run-ning

## ***PRACTICE EXERCISE***

Directions: Add hyphens where needed or circle extra hyphens. Put a C at the end of the sentence if it is correct.

Ex: He used twenty-three apples for the pies. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Martin is on anti-inflammatory medication. \_\_\_\_\_
2. There are sixty seven people waiting in line. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who do you think he will ask to be his Vice-President? \_\_\_\_\_
4. We live in a post-September 11<sup>th</sup> era. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Robert's ex girlfriend called him last night. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Heather's mom thinks she lacks self confidence. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Civil War took place in the nineteenth century. \_\_\_\_\_
8. His was an all state running back his senior year in high school. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mom will turn forty-six this August. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The other day, when it was hot and humid, Robert and I went swimming. \_\_\_\_\_

## ***PRACTICE EXERCISE***

Directions: In this paragraph, circle any place where a hyphen is needed. Mark out any unneeded hyphens.

Although there has always been tension between us, we have some-how managed to find a way to make things work. I don't think I'll ever go so far as to say that Jack fully-likes me, but I do think he knows that I am not going anywhere. When I walk in the door, he comes over to greet me, and sometimes, usually when he knows nobody is looking, Jack will-come and sit next to me and let me pet his soft, blonde white fur. I know that he likes it when I rub under neath his chin, and when I do it's at moments like these when I'm finally-able to understand what it means to be a "dog person."

Answers: 1. C, 2. sixty-seven, 3. C, 4. C, 5. ex-girlfriend, 6. self-confidence, 7. nineteenth-century, 8. all-state, 9. C, 10. swim-ing. Paragraph: somehow, fully likes, will come, blonde-white, under-neath, finally able.