



Hyphenation Rules

Today's Standard

11-12.L.2a - Observe hyphenation conventions.

Cues	Notes
What is a hyphen?	A hyphen is a punctuation mark used to join words or parts of words.
When should hyphens be used?	Hyphens should be used in compound adjectives, compound numbers, and to avoid confusion or ambiguity.
How do hyphens differ from dashes?	Hyphens join words, while dashes indicate a range or a pause in the text.
What are common mistakes with hyphens?	Common mistakes include using hyphens instead of dashes and improper hyphenation at line breaks.
Why are hyphens important in writing?	Hyphens improve clarity and readability in writing, making the meaning clear.

Summary

Hyphens are essential punctuation marks used to join words or parts of words. They are different from dashes and have specific rules for usage. Proper hyphenation enhances clarity and professionalism in writing.