

Hyphenation Rules

Today's Standard

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

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Correctly hyphenating compound adjectives in essays.; Using hyphens in creative writing to create emphasis.; Properly hyphenating words in professional emails and reports.; Understanding hyphenation in published books and articles.; Using hyphens in digital content like blogs and social media posts.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about hyphens. Hyphens help us join words together, like in 'well-known' or 'mother-in-law.'

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, people mix up hyphens and dashes. Hyphens join words, but dashes show a pause or range. Also, we shouldn't just put hyphens anywhere when we run out of space at the end of a line.

Quiz Me

- What is a hyphen?
- Can you give an example of a hyphenated word?
- How is a hyphen different from a dash?
- Why do we use hyphens?
- What happens if we use hyphens wrong?

Help Me

Hyphens help us make our writing clear. For example, in 'well-known author,' the hyphen shows that 'well' and 'known' go together to describe the author. Using hyphens correctly makes our writing easier to understand.