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Dashes

You probably will not find many reasons to use dashes in your writing. Still, you should know when and how to use dashes. (Review the examples below and consult 395.1-395.3 in *Write Source 2000* for additional explanations and examples.) You should note that dashes are formed by two hyphens--without spacing before or after--in any typed work.

EXAMPLES

The 1998 New York Yankees were an amazing team-in fact, an astonishing team-during regular and postseason play.

(To indicate sudden breaks in sentences.)

After winning the American League championship, the team had a final goal-sweeping the World Series.

(To set off a word, a phrase, or a clause for emphasis.)

Oh no-not that-yes, I heard you, but I can't believe it.

(To show interrupted speech.)

Directions

In the sentences below, insert dashes where they are needed. The first one has been done for you.

1. The 1998 Yankees had one aim and one aim only winning.
2. I think the Yankees have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that they have more overall talent than anyone else.
3. After 162 regular season games and 15 postseason games, the players had one thing in mind a long vacation without any baseball.
4. Playing more than 170 games can be wearing even on the most dedicated player.
5. Each Yankee will receive something special a World Series ring.