

Dashes (Basic)

Decide if a dash is used correctly in the sentences below (Yes/No).

If it is used correctly, identify which other mark of punctuation the dash is acting as.

1. The Great Dane—who weighs 120 pounds—sat on her lap.
2. Although peacock feathers are beautiful—they don't always impress a potential mate.
3. Pat—who had never danced in his life—entered a dance competition with Tiffany.
4. I have three favorite drinks—coffee, coffee, and more coffee.
5. Wanda—who was new to the school—didn't have a lunch card, so Cayla bought her lunch.
6. Leonard, a school bus driver—got a speeding ticket.
7. There are many fish in the sea, but only one species twirls and jumps like sky-dancers—dolphins.
8. My grandma—who is very superstitious, accidentally walked under a ladder.
9. My brother has three favorite sports, which are—basketball, squash, and polo.
10. Mark—a connoisseur of exotic food—ate fried cockroach kabobs for dinner.
11. Antwon, who travels the world teaching yoga—is becoming famous.

12. Peter—who is a bird farmer—adores his doves.

13. He is happy because of one thing—his collection of Hello Kitty backpacks.

14. Belvis—however—has a black belt.

15. Myrtle—the oldest driving woman in America—does not obey the stop signs.