

Examples of When To Use a Hyphen (-)

Hyphenate Compound Modifiers (Before the Noun)

Example: The two-hour class is almost over.

Hyphenate Three-Syllable Words

Example: Did you know that these smoothies are vegetable-based?

Hyphenate Some Noun Phrases

Example: Let's ride on the merry-go-round next.

Hyphenate Some Prefixes and Suffixes

Example: My children believe I am all-knowing.

Hyphenate Prefixes With Proper Nouns or Adjectives

Example: Our friend group usually gets together in mid-April.

Hyphenate When Words and Affixes Share a Letter

Example: Let's re-energize with a snack and drink of water.

Hyphenate Between Affixes and Words to Avoid Confusion

Example: I re-sent the letter.

Hyphenate Written-Out Numbers and Fractions

Example: Sheryl bought twenty-eight pencil boxes.