

Examples of When To Use an Em Dash (—)

Use for Emphasis

Example: Let's explore the haunted house — unless you're scared.

Use Around Nonessential Clauses

Example: This plan — which wasn't even my idea, by the way — is never going to work.

Use To Add an Afterthought

Example: The cookie jar is empty — so who took all the cookies?

Use in Place of a Colon or Semicolon

Example: Sasha had only one wish — to see the ocean.

Use When Quoting Someone

Example: "What barrier is there that love cannot break?" —Mahatma Gandhi