

<b>Content</b>	<b>Lesson Teaching Point</b> Model how to use punctuation (i.e., comma, ellipses, and dash) to indicate a pause or break  <b>Applicable Common Core State Standard</b> L 8.2a  <b>Applicable MJSD Benchmark</b> Demonstrates command of standard English when speaking or writing
<b>Lesson Orientation</b> 5 minutes (or less)	<b>Learning Target:</b> <i>I will understand how to use punctuation (i.e., comma, ellipses, and dash) to indicate a pause or break.</i>
	<b>Materials Needed:</b> Independent reading materials (each student) Writer's notebook (each student) Handout - Using punctuation for pause or break Draft of narrative (written by teacher) Draft of narrative (each student)
<b>Collaborative Practice</b>	Show students what ellipses and dashes look like.  Working with partners, students look through published writing (independent reading material) for places where published authors used ellipses or dashes.  Student groups mark examples with Post-it notes. After finding several examples, each group guesses about why ellipses or dashes are used.
<b>Focus Lesson</b> 10 - 15 minutes	<b>Steps/Directions for lesson:</b> 1. Student groups volunteer to share passages with ellipses or dashes and guesses about why they are

	<p>used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher shares handout about using punctuation (ellipses, dashes, and commas) to indicate a pause or break.</li> <li>Students glue handout in "Correctness" section of writer's notebook</li> <li>Remind students that commas are also sometimes used for a pause or break (not just ellipses and dashes)</li> <li>Share copy of teacher-written narrative. Demonstrate how to find a place where punctuation to indicate pause or break could be added.</li> </ol>
<b>Guided Instruction</b>	<p>To happen during conferences (today or soon). Students show teacher a place where punctuation was added to narrative to indicate a break or pause.</p>
<b>Independent Practice</b>	<p>Each student reviews the draft of his/her narrative to find a place where punctuation is/could be used to indicate a pause or break.</p>
<b>Closure</b> about 5 minutes	<p><b>Check for Understanding:</b> Student volunteers share places where they used punctuation to indicate a pause</p>
	<p><b>Thoughts on Assessment:</b> Look for use of punctuation to indicate break or pause in final draft of narratives.</p>

Use punctuation to indicate a break or pause.

Punctuation	Usage	Example
Ellipses ( . . . )	Indicate a pause or break in the writer's or speaker's thinking	"There must be a mistake How. . . how could that happen?' I ask Haymitch."  <i>Hunger Games</i> (p. 108)
Dash ( - )	Indicate a sudden pause in a sentence	"I figured that must be the password - imatschool - so I jumped online and went straight to Sarah's site."  <i>Ghost in the Machine</i> (p. 76)
Comma	Indicate a short, natural pause (but not two separate complete sentences)	"Before I open the front door, I close my eyes and wish: <i>Just the once, let it be easy.</i> "  <i>Rules</i> (p. 61)