Hyphens

- Spell out compound numbers from twenty-one to ninety-nine.
- *Ex: Lou ate sixty-seven jelly beans.*

- Distinguish between two words with the same spelling.
  - *Ex: John must recover (find) the stereo speakers.*
  - *John must re-cover (repair) the stereo speakers.*

- Form compound adjectives when used before nouns.
  - *Ex: I have the autograph of a well-known actor.*

- Complete fraction spellings.
  - *Ex: He painted two-thirds of the room.*

- Divide a word at the end of a line.
  - *Ex: A huge dog came running toward him.*

- Connect a series or dates.
  - *Ex: Read pages 9-30; they cover America from 1920-29.*

- Connect a prefix to a number or a capital letter.
  - *Ex: pro-American, post-1950*

- Connect words that start with the same letter with which the prefix ends.
  - *Ex: re-entry, co-opted*

- Connect invented words or long phrases used as adjectives.
  - *Ex: Sue has a holier-than-thou attitude.*

- Come after suspended compounds.
  - *Ex: The couple wanted a one- or two-year lease on the apartment.*

- Are used with "ex-" and "self-".
  - *Ex: ex-husband, self-pity*