

Ellipsis

An ellipsis is a series of three dots (. . .) which shows that some text has been left out. The ellipsis is used to shorten a passage when omitting what has been removed does not change the meaning of the original text. See the example below.



COMPLETE TEXT:

The dog, who had not previously been trained in any way, found his way across an entire mountain range to be reunited with his humans.

TEXT WITH ELLIPSIS:

The dog . . . found his way across an entire mountain range to be reunited with his humans.

Note there is a space before and after the ellipsis. If the ellipsis comes at the end of a sentence, the ellipsis is followed by a space and a period.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence to omit text and use an ellipsis.

1. With several weeks off from work, as I am already so close to being done with it, I plan to finally finish my novel.

2. While she was in the area running some errands and having the car serviced, Jill stopped to see an old friend.
