

Dashes

Dashes indicate a change in direction or a break in a sentence. They are stronger than a comma, but not as strong as a period. Dashes used for breaks can indicate an unfinished thought or comment or be used for dramatic effect.



DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence, replacing the existing punctuation with a dash to indicate a pause or break.

1. "Terry," Jack called. "If you would only listen to me."
2. Ben whispered, "I can't tell you."
3. My first thought was, that won't work.
4. If you change your mind, the job is yours.
5. I counted again. There were three kittens.
6. Hello? What on earth?