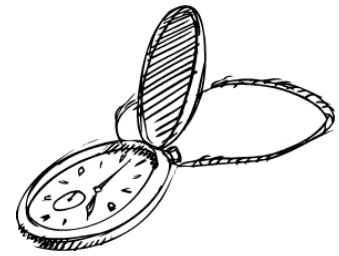


Name _____ **Ellipsis**



Ellipsis for Omission

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

Original Text: The valuable old watch, battered and scarred, watermarked and nonfictional, was found in a gutter.

Text with Ellipsis: The valuable old watch . . . was found in a gutter.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence. Use an ellipsis to omit text.

1. No one, not the doorman, not the cab driver waiting impatiently out in the street, not the concierge, not a soul saw the suspect slip away.

2. The dog, wet and muddy and skinny and exhausted, had been missing for days.

3. After a busy morning of cooking and cleaning and laundry, she was finally able to sit down and rest.

