

# Pauses and Breaks

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each sentence below. Identify what the ellipsis or dash in each sentence indicates. Write the correct letter on the line.

- A. hesitation                      B. an unfinished thought                      C. pause  
D. interruption                      E. dramatic effect

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. "Well . . ." Jack began, knowing the news would not be well-received.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The phone rang . . . and rang . . . and rang . . .

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. If we had more time, sure, but as it is—



\_\_\_\_\_ 4. If we ever get the opportunity . . .

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. "Did you hear about—" George began. "Of course I did," Ian said.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. It's been a big year . . . I have much to reflect on.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. "Hank . . . could we talk for a minute?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. "Jess . . ." Mom began. "Jess . . . I need to tell you something."

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. "Before you know it, you'll be—" Nathan said, "I already am."