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An ellipsis is a series of three dots (. . .) which shows that some text has been left out. Use an ellipsis to shorten a long quotation when what is omitted does not change the meaning of what is being quoted. An ellipsis can also be used to indicate a pause, hesitation, the passage of time, or an incomplete thought.

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

A. a pause

B. hesitation

C. an incomplete thought

D. the passage of time

_____ 1. "Janice . . . " Ted tried to tell her, but he didn't want to hurt her.

_____ 2. The storm raged for hours . . . and finally the night was still.

_____ 3. "Jonathan is . . . well, he won't be there, that's all"

_____ 4. "Every time I get in this car . . . "

_____ 5. "Sure . . . I mean . . . I guess. Can't someone else do it?"

_____ 6. Everyone chipped in except . . . well, almost everyone chipped in.

_____ 7. I'm not sure . . . isn't there another option?

_____ 8. "Hi Pat. I was wondering if . . . do you want to go out with me?"

