



### The Dash

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Invitation to Notice</b>	<b>Invitation to Compare, Contrast, and Imitate</b>	<b>Invitation to Revise</b>	<b>Invitation to Edit</b>	<b>Invitation to Write (Assessment)</b>
<p>“We’d already packed up our sleeping bags, suitcases, and two folding chairs – all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s Volvo.” - <i>Tangerine</i> by Edward Bloor</p> <p><b>Points to Emphasize:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dash is used to indicate a pause or break in a sentence.</li> <li>• It is stronger than a comma, less formal than a colon, and more relaxed than parentheses.</li> <li>• When a sentence already contains one or more phrases with commas, dashes can help readers understand the sentence.</li> </ul>	<p>Use the frame below to write a sentence containing a dash.</p> <p>We’d already packed up our _____, _____, and _____, – all neatly wedged into the back of _____.</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>We’d already packed up our games, swimsuits, and towels – all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s van.</p> <p>We’d already packed up our tents, food, and kayak – all neatly wedged into the back of Dad’s truck.</p>	<p>Rewrite the sentences below adding a dash to indicate where a pause or break is needed.</p> <p>Michigan summers can be really annoying really unpredictable.</p> <p><i>Michigan summers can be really annoying – really unpredictable.</i></p> <p>Last week, Peter and Sue had a beautiful baby boy weighing 11 pounds.</p> <p><i>Last week, Peter and Sue had a beautiful baby boy – weighing 11 pounds.</i></p> <p>Pesticides are used to help crops grow regardless of their negative effects.</p> <p><i>Pesticides are used to help crops grow – regardless of their negative effects.</i></p>	<p><b>What’s wrong?</b></p> <p><b>We’d already packed up our sleeping bags, suitcases, and two folding chairs – all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s Volvo.</b></p> <p>We’d already packed up our sleeping bags, suitcases, and two folding chairs all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s Volvo. <i>(missing dash)</i></p> <p>We’d already packed up our sleeping bags, suitcases, and two folding chair – all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s Volvo. <i>(plural)</i></p> <p>“We’d already packed up our sleeping bags suitcases and two folding chairs – all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s Volvo.” <i>(missing commas in a series)</i></p> <p>We’d already pack up our sleeping bags, suitcases, and two folding chairs – all neatly wedged into the back of Mom’s Volvo. <i>(verb tense)</i></p>	<p><b>Write a short passage using a dash correctly.</b></p>