

9. I had seen the trick done at entertainments endless times before it's part of the common stock of conjurers but I had not expected it here.
H. G. Wells
 10. Between times he regaled me with spicy stories of the hundreds of thousands they seemed no less numerous to me than of county fairs he had attended in his youth.
Dorothy Canfield

THE HYPHEN

Use a hyphen in compound numbers from twenty-one to ninety-nine.

thirty-six steps twenty-eight countries

Use a hyphen in all spelled-out fractions.

a four-fifths majority one-sixth of the pie

Use a hyphen in certain compound words.

sister-in-law T-shirt right-of-way

Use a hyphen between words that make up a compound adjective used before a noun.

We found a well-informed source.

When a compound adjective follows a linking verb, it is usually not hyphenated.

The report seemed well organized.

Some proper nouns and proper adjectives with prefixes and suffixes require a hyphen.

Mexican-style pre-Roosevelt pro-Yankees

Use a hyphen if part of a word must be carried over from one line to the next.

Gabriela Dimitrova, a Bulgarian weight lifter, defected to the US after the Women's World Weight Lifting Champion-

ship in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The following rules should be observed when hyphenating words:

1. Words are separated by hyphens only between syllables.
2. Only words having two or more syllables can be hyphenated.
3. Each line should have at least two letters of the hyphenated word.

Practice Your Skills

CONCEPT CHECK

Using Hyphens The following newspaper editorial, as it appeared on a word-processing screen, contains several errors in hyphenation. Write correctly all incorrectly hyphenated words.

1 When Brian Styers, a sixteen year old student at Thoma-
 2 ville High School in North Carolina, goes to lunch, he isnt
 3 concentrating on the menu. His attention is on the trays
 4 and other school issued nonbiodegradable plastics. Styers,
 5 whose proenvironmental beliefs run deep, won a victor-
 6 y for recycling recently. Brian's concern was that the plas-
 7 tes, cups, and other plastics were contributing to an ever gro-
 8 wing problem for landfill areas. He and several other like
 9 minded students began staging marches through the school ca-
 10 feteria, carrying reusable dishes they brought from home. Br-
 11 ian and his friends, who had been labeled "tree huggers," figure-
 12 d the cost of recycling schemes and contacted the local media
 13 for support. In addition, they took a well rehearsed appeal to
 14 the School Board. Their efforts paid off. Now the used lunch
 15 ware from three Thomasville high schools will be colle-
 16 cted and sent to Brooklyn to become rulers, reusa-
 17 ble trays, and insulation board. The importance of such rec-
 18 ycling efforts becomes clear if one remembers that New-York-
 19 City alone produces twenty seven thousand tons of waste ev-
 20 ery day.

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