Hyphens



A hyphen is a punctuation mark that is used to join two words together e.g. an offduty fire fighter. It can also be used to avoid confusion in writing e.g. a man-eating shark. Sometimes a hyphen follows a prefix so that it is not confused with other words e.g. re-sent rather than resent. A hyphen looks like a dash but it is shorter.

1) Circle the words in the sentences below that should be hyphenated.

The hydration stations were well placed along the running route.

My football mad brother hopes to be selected for the county team.

There are several dog friendly hotels in the Lake District.

Annie got a part time job working as a waitress in a well known pizzeria.

We decided to pay at the self service checkout because there was no queue.

2) Insert hyphens in the correct place in the sentences below.

The bad tempered boy stormed out of the classroom.

The fierce looking tiger stalked through the jungle after its prey.

My favourite ice cream flavours are raspberry ripple and salted caramel.

Fifty six children attended the activity camp during the summer holidays.

My father in law works as an anaesthetist at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

There was a heart stopping moment when the gymnast lost his balance and fell.

3) Choose the correct word from the word bank to complete each sentence.

re-search	research	re-covered	recovered	re-sign	resign	
I will print out t	:he letters agai	n so that you ca	n	them.		
The police wanted to the home of the man they arrested.						
The old, worn sofa needed to be						
They are carrying out some fascinating into h				how dolphins communicate.		
It is believed that a senior minister is about to				from his position.		
i ne patient	V	ery quickly after	tne operation.			



