

Using Hyphens

Worksheet 1

Remember: A hyphen goes between two words before a noun to act as a single idea.

Example: A man eating shark or a man-eating shark. In the first sentence you think of a man that is eating a shark, in the second you think about a large shark that can eat men because of the hyphen.

Read the following sentences. Place the hyphen in the correct place to make the sentence make sense.

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5. The factory made candy was delicious.
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7. The wizard in the movie was all powerful and wise.
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9. Have you ever been to a full service gas station?
10. Low income families often struggle to pay bills.
11. The man eating bear was hunted down by park rangers.
12. The tractor runs on high octane fuel.
13. The woman friendly event was held at the local park.
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