

WORKSHEET 6

Hyphens, Dashes, and Parentheses (Rules 14 h–n)

Exercise A Proofread each of the following sentences for the correct use of hyphens. Circle each word that has a hyphenation error, and write the word correctly on the line provided. *Note:* A sentence may have more than one error. If a sentence is correct, write *C*.

EXAMPLE Sixty-seven 1. (Sixty seven) students, approximately one third of the students, participated in the Red Cross blood drive.

- _____ 1. Heather's birthday gift was a gorgeous, fully lined wool coat.
- _____ 2. The mayor elect will not officially take office until midJanuary.
- _____ 3. With his usual self confidence, Nathan plunged into his job as stage manager.
- _____ 4. Mr. Morrison, the expresident of the PTA, is a well respected community leader.
- _____ 5. As the goalie, Ronnie has a clearly-defined role on the hockey team.
- _____ 6. Harmful substances such as ammonia, drain-cleaners, and medications should always be stored out of the reach of small children.
- _____ 7. As Ramona thought about the eighty seven people waiting for her to take the stage, she was momentarily stricken with stage fright.
- _____ 8. Alan used two-thirds of the okra in the gumbo and placed the rest in the freezer.
- _____ 9. Three fourths of the council voted, and the proposal passed by an eight tenths majority.
- _____ 10. Ladysmith Black Mambazo is a well-known singing group from South Africa.

Exercise B Insert dashes or parentheses where they are needed in each of the following sentences.

EXAMPLE 1. I can't remember where I put my oh, there it is.

1. Is that lady over there the one wearing the blue sweater the new gym teacher?
2. The next ingredient and this is what gives this dish its distinctive flavor is ground cumin.
3. Manuel Gamio 1883–1960 has often been called the father of Mexican anthropology.
4. Andy rehearsed his part for two hours sometimes longer every night for three weeks.
5. The contents of the shopping bag four coffee mugs wrapped in tissue paper, a pepper mill, and three large cookbooks spilled onto the sidewalk.
6. Bake the bread in a very hot oven about 450 degrees for thirty-five minutes.
7. "Don't you think oh, I just don't know how to put it," Peter stammered.
8. The Pomeranian see photo on page 34 would be a good dog for someone who lives in an apartment.
9. George Takei he played Mr. Sulu in the original *Star Trek* series has a place on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.
10. The Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, which separate the Piedmont Region from the Great Valley, are 12 to 14 miles 19 to 23 kilometers wide.