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1a. Underline the sentence below that has correctly used a hyphen to avoid ambiguity.

Nathan wanted to get all the latest high tech-gadgets.

The forest-fruit pudding was full of blackberries and strawberries.



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1b. Underline the sentence below that has correctly used a hyphen to avoid ambiguity.

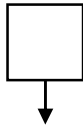
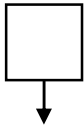
My hot-headed brother loses his temper very often.

The well written story was read-out during assembly.



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2a. Tick the box to show where the hyphen should be added to the sentence below.



Ted was infamous for his razor sharp wit.



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2b. Tick the box to show where the hyphen should be added to the sentence below.



The free standing bath was perfect for their new bathroom.



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3a. True or false? The hyphen has been used correctly in the sentence below.

Linda's start-up cake business was doing very well.



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3b. True or false? The hyphen has been used correctly in the sentence below.

The high rise flats housed hundreds of different families all in-one building.



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4a. Choose the correct words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

green-belt

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Simone wore her _____ with the new dress she bought.

The cricket pitch was in the _____ land on the edge of town.



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4b. Choose the correct words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

put-down

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I felt embarrassed by the public _____.









Jane _____ the phone when the conversation was finished.



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<p>5a. Underline the sentence below that has correctly used a hyphen to avoid ambiguity.</p> <p>Will was very excited by the fast moving-cars.</p> <p>Matilda re-dressed after getting soaked in the downpour.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>	<p>5b. Underline the sentence below that has correctly used a hyphen to avoid ambiguity.</p> <p>Ruby loved the soft feeling of the snow-white cardigan.</p> <p>Sue re-commended her hairdresser to all of her friends.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>				
<p>6a. Tick the box to show where the hyphen should be added to the sentence below.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> </div> <p>I returned to the pool to take the in depth swimming course.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>	<p>6b. Tick the box to show where the hyphen should be added to the sentence below.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> </div> <p>The basket of red fruit was up ended all over the floor.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>				
<p>7a. True or false? The hyphen has been used correctly in the sentence below.</p> <p>Mr Davies has re-marked the tests, due to rumours of cheating.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>	<p>7b. True or false? The hyphen has been used correctly in the sentence below.</p> <p>Their holiday village was overflowing with small-town charm.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>				
<p>8a. Choose the correct words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">recoiled</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">re-coiled</td> </tr> </table> <p>Nigel _____ the ropes when he had finished on the boat.</p> <p>Beth _____ in terror at the sight of the monster.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>	recoiled	re-coiled	<p>8b. Choose the correct words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">re-buffed</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">rebuffed</td> </tr> </table> <p>Martha rudely _____ the idea to go camping.</p> <p>Donald carefully _____ the hall floor before the awards ceremony.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;">VF</div> </div>	re-buffed	rebuffed
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<p>9a. Underline the sentence below that has correctly used a hyphen to avoid ambiguity.</p> <p>The old man – despite living in a huge mansion – was known for his penny-pinching ways.</p> <p>She remarked – uncharacteristically – that the weather that day was unpleasant.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>	<p>9b. Underline the sentence below that has correctly used a hyphen to avoid ambiguity.</p> <p>Thomas – feeling very cross that his message had been lost – re-sent it straight away.</p> <p>Janine – Bobby’s mum – offered to give them all a lift-home.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>
<p>10a. Tick the box to show where the hyphen should be added to the sentence below.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> </div> <p>The clean shaven man – as I recall – was wearing a red jacket.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>	<p>10b. Tick the box to show where the hyphen should be added to the sentence below.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ </div> </div> <p>The fun looking retreat – a week in France – was very expensive.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>
<p>11a. True or false? The hyphen has been used correctly in the sentence below.</p> <p>Mr Tup – not a fan of animals – with-drew permission to allow dogs in the café.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>	<p>11b. True or false? The hyphen has been used correctly in the sentence below.</p> <p>The students – all under the age of 18 – re-signed to the course for the second year.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>
<p>12a. Complete the sentences below using the hyphenated and unhyphenated forms of a word.</p> <p>The formerly successful pop group _____ their contract with a new producer.</p> <p>Mrs Cunningham _____ from her job immediately when she won the lottery.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>	<p>12b. Complete the sentences below using the hyphenated and unhyphenated forms of a word.</p> <p>The Chief of Police was hoping that more police officers would help _____ the rise in crime.</p> <p>Carol’s skirt was completely crumpled after the long journey – she would have to _____ it.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  VF </div>