

# Fast Five

**Choose between a full stop, colon or semicolon to correct the sentences below:**

- I spent the whole day in the garden\_\_the weather was beautiful.
- The kitchen was compact\_\_the living room was spacious.
- Carefully, Tom walked around the sleeping tiger:  
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**Can I use hyphenated words?**

# What are hyphenated words?

‘Cold-hearted’ is an example of a hyphenated word. We have used a ‘-’ to show that the first word is modifying the second word.

When we use a hyphen, we change the meaning of the word/phrase.

# What are hyphenated words?

Let's link the words 'clean' and 'shaven'.

Used separately, they sound like this:

- He was a **clean, shaven** man.

This suggests the man was both clean and he was shaven.

Used together, they sound like this:

- He was a **clean-shaven** man.

This suggests he had no facial hair.

## Have a go

Hyphenate the highlighted words in these sentences to change the meaning:

- The **super, strong** girl lifted the car with one hand.
- The **strange, smelling** odor made its way across the room.

# How did you do?

Here is what the sentences should look like:

The super-strong girl lifted the car with one hand.

The strange-smelling odor made its way across the room.

# Have a go

Choose two words that you think should be hyphenated in the sentences below:

- Across the field, I saw a peculiar sight: a collection of blood red eyes were rapidly approaching.
- The environment is important to me because I care about the safety of people and animals; many open, minded people agree with me.



# How did you do?

This is what your sentences should look like:

- Across the field, I saw a peculiar sight: a collection of blood-red eyes were rapidly approaching.
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# Depending on how confident you feel, choose one of the following tasks: Red

## Red

Choose one hyphenated word from the word bank to complete the sentences below. You can only use each word once.

### Word Bank

slow-moving

long-winded

man-eating

ocean-blue

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ sky was a welcome sight after yesterday's storm.
- 2) She gave a very \_\_\_\_\_ excuse for not completing her homework.
- 3) Out of the ocean emerged a \_\_\_\_\_ monster looking for its dinner.
- 4) Finally, the \_\_\_\_\_ traffic was starting to clear; we would still be late to the party.

**Now, identify and correct the words which should be hyphenated in the sentences below:**

- 5) A crimson, red light shot across the cloudless sky.
- 6) The French speaking teacher was helping the class prepare for their trip to France.

# Yellow

## Yellow

**Identify and correct the words which should be hyphenated in the sentences below:**

- 1) A crimson, red light shot across the cloudless sky.
- 2) The French speaking teacher was helping the class prepare for their trip to France.

**Now, come up with hyphenated words of your own to complete the sentences below:**

- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ sky was a welcome sight after yesterday's storm.
- 4) She gave a very \_\_\_\_\_ excuse for not completing her homework.
- 5) Out of the ocean emerged a \_\_\_\_\_ monster looking for its dinner.
- 6) Finally, the \_\_\_\_\_ traffic was starting to clear; we would still be late to the party.

# Green

## Green

**Come up with hyphenated words of your own to complete the sentences below:**

- 1) She gave a very \_\_\_\_\_ excuse for not completing her homework.
- 2) Out of the ocean emerged a \_\_\_\_\_ monster looking for its dinner.
- 3) Finally, the \_\_\_\_\_ traffic was starting to clear; we would still be late to the party.



**Now, write 3 sentences about this picture using a hyphenated word and colon or semicolon in each.**