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Ellipsis and Parentheses: Learn and Practice

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💡 Ellipsis and Parentheses

- An ellipsis is three dots in a row. It shows words left out of a quotation or a pause in speech.
- Parentheses are a pair of curved marks that hold extra information.
- The sentence should still make sense if you remove what is inside the parentheses.
- The trail (about four kilometers long) ends at a lake.

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6 What does an ellipsis look like?

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7 What do parentheses hold?

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