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Name _____

Hyphens

How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity (e.g. *man eating shark* versus *man-eating shark*, or *recover* versus *re-cover*).

These sentences have been split where they should have a hyphen. Match the split sentences and write them out below.

My friend brought a new computer
The technology in my school is very up
The aeroplane has space for 250
Lunch time at school is 12:00
A carnivore is a meat
The oldest tree in my garden is a forty-seven
She had a vicious

1:30pm.
year-old cherry.
eating animal.
aided game called Lava Floor.
looking dog on a lead.
to-date.
270 people depending upon the seating arrangement.

Each of these sentences should have at least one hyphen. Add the missing hyphens.

My brother in law is very accident prone.

My step brother is called Aaron. He is incredibly tall and good looking with brown hair.

In some countries, you drive on the right hand side of the road, in others you drive on the left.

We always stay in family friendly hotels.

My grandma is sixty seven years old. My great grandma is one hundred and five!



Year 6 Answers

In some questions, alternative answers may be acceptable. The likeliest answers are given below. If questions have more than one answer, teachers should use their own judgement when marking.

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My friend brought a new computer-aided game called Lava Floor.

The technology in my school is very up-to-date.

The aeroplane has space for 250-270 people depending upon the seating arrangement

Lunch time at school is 12:00-1:30pm.

A carnivore is a meat-eating animal.

The oldest tree in my garden is a forty-seven-year-old cherry.

She had a vicious-looking dog on a lead.

My brother-in-law is very accident-prone.

My step brother is called Aaron, he is incredibly tall and good-looking with brown hair.

In some countries, you drive on the right-hand side of the road, in others you drive on the left.

We always stay in family-friendly hotels.

My grandma is sixty-seven years old. My great grandma is one hundred and five!