

Ellipsis

Ellipsis is when we don't say or write words that are already clear from the sentence.

Why Use Ellipsis?

- ✓ To sound more natural
- ✓ To avoid repetition
- ✓ To keep sentences shorter and clearer

Examples:

◆ Without Ellipsis:

She can play the guitar, and he can **play the guitar**, too.

◆ With Ellipsis:

She can play the guitar, and he can **Ø**, too.

What words can be omitted in each sentence due to ellipsis?

Select the parts that can be left out without changing the meaning

- ✚ Who is coming tonight? My mom is coming.
- ✚ You ate a muffin and a biscuit.
- ✚ They are nice but they are weird.
- ✚ I've brought a suitcase and a travel bag.
- ✚ What time is our flight? It's at 9.
- ✚ They said that they will buy a new motorbike.
- ✚ He was mad that I bought a car without telling him.
- ✚ Harry did his homework even though he didn't want to do it.
- ✚ She said she could use a computer, but it was obvious that she couldn't use it.
- ✚ We can't repair your car today, but we can repair it tomorrow.
- ✚ You don't work as hard as you should work!
- ✚ I don't know if I'll pass all my exams, but I hope I will pass them.
- ✚ Although I could have gone to university, I didn't go to university.
- ✚ Simon broke his brother's computer, but he didn't mean to break it.
- ✚ She should get a job, but I'm sure she won't get it now.