Name _____ **Ellipsis Omission**



The Ellipsis

An ellipsis is a series of three dots (. . .) which shows that some text has been left out. It is used to shorten a long quotation by removing words that don't change the meaning of what is being quoted. An ellipsis can also be used to indicate a pause, hesitation, the passage of time, or an incomplete thought.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. Identify what the ellipsis in each sentence indicates. Write the correct letter on the line.

A. a pause B. hesitation

C. an incomplete thought D. the passage of time

____ 1. "Mom . . ." Hank said, knowing he was about to upset his mother.

____ 2. The siren wailed . . . Then there was silence.

____ 3. "I'm not going to be able to make it Saturday because . . . "

____ 4. "If I could just think of something . . . "

____ 5. "Well . . . Um . . . I suppose I could do that."

____ 6. John did his best . . . but in the end, it wasn't good enough.

____ 7. Gosh . . . I don't know. So many choices.

____ 8. "Fiona," Jake began. "I was wondering . . . do you think . . . "

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