

THE MAYAN SCHOOL  
GRAMMAR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
HYPHENS



To hyphenate or not to hyphenate... that is the question....  
(No-Nonsense, Adjective-Hyphenating Exercises)

**RULE 1**

Use a hyphen to join adjectives that appear before a noun to describe it.

example: We went to a **first-rate** hotel.

**RULE 2**

When you're writing someone's age or size to describe them, separate each word with a hyphen.

example: He is a smart **ten-year-old** boy.

**In the sentences below, choose the words that should be connected by a hyphen.**

1. The load bearing wall is important to the structure of the house.
2. The dog friendly hotel was located just two miles from the park.
3. This cake is rock hard and impossible to enjoy.
4. Fast acting medication can hit you very hard if you are not careful.
5. The factory made candy was delicious.

6. I half wanted to learn to speak the language just so I could order.
7. The wizard in the movie was all powerful and wise.
8. Low flying airplanes can be more likely to crash.
9. Have you ever been to a full service gas station?
10. Low income families often struggle to pay bills.
11. The man eating bear was hunted down by park rangers.
12. The tractor runs on high octane fuel.
13. The woman friendly event was held at the local park.
14. The pre test was held only one week ahead of the actual exam.
15. The post game report reminded viewers of the plays that had been great.