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PUNCTUATION (INTRODUCTIONS)

viii) **Dash [—]**: It is bigger than a hyphen. It is used to show a break in thought. It is used to separate parts of a sentence.

Examples:

- 1) All the three friends — Alex, Amy and Ann did well in the examinations.
- 2) I thought that the polar bear is small — It's big.

xi) **Slash / oblique [/]**: It tells the choice between two words it separates.

Example:

- 1) I want a cup of tea / coffee.

x) **Parenthesis [Bracket] [()]**: It is used to provide extra information in a sentence. It contains further thought or clarification of the issue.

Example:

- 1) This time Rita is going to celebrate her birthday in New York but not in California (her home town).
- 2) Dad visited Paris (a beautiful city) during his Europe visit.

xi) **Question mark [?]**: It denotes enquiry. It is used to ask questions and question tags.

Example:

- 1) Have you visited Australia ?
- 2) She does not like black berries. Does she ?

xii) **Exclamation point [!]**: It expresses. Strong feeling or sudden outcry.

Example:

- 1) What a nice picture !
- 2) "Stop ! Thief", I can no more run.
- 3) Alas ! she is no more.