Would you like to see a picture of a man eating shark?

(It is scary)

Really scary....





A man eating shark



A man eating shark



A man-eating shark



A man eating shark



A man-eating shark

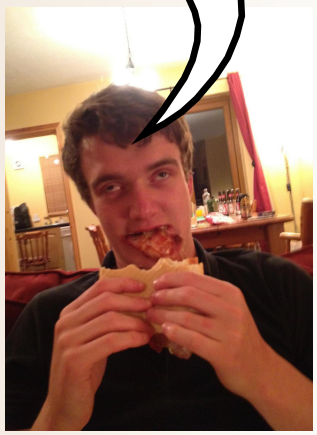
Hyphens can help to avoid ambiguity

I ate a rotten cheese sandwich.



How does the hyphen change the meaning?

I ate a rotten-cheese sandwich.



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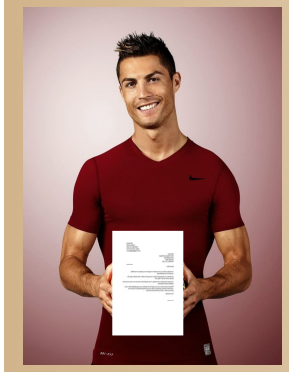


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I was given two pound coins.



He looked at the letter and resigned.



How does the hyphen change the meaning?

He looked at the letter and re-signed.

Hyphens also help to make compound words (words made up of more than one word)

old-fashioned

short-sighted

tongue-tied

well-behaved

empty-handed

second-hand

daughter-in-law

colour-blind

in-depth

forty-eight

What do these compound words mean?

Compound words don't always have hyphens...

coffee mug



Superman



Dashes are <u>not</u> the same as hyphens:

Dashes can be used for parenthesis instead of commas.

The nurse, who was becoming hungry, reached for the biscuit tin.

The nurse - who was becoming hungry - reached for the biscuit tin.