



The Dramatic Dash

James Bond Style

To use dashes to show parenthesis.



Look at the sentences below. Join each sentence to make a dramatic parenthesis.

Start of the Sentence	Dramatic Parenthesis
His Aston Martin pulled into the car park –	his enemy was trying to disguise himself.
James Bond scanned the room –	this was the secret signal he had been waiting for.
Miss Money Penny smiled across the room –	he had no idea of the danger he faced.
He looked at his watch –	would he need to use the secret gadget to get him out of danger?

Write the sentences below. Remember when the parenthesis is completely removed, the sentence still needs to be grammatically correct.

Example: It was a long wait – perhaps the longest of his life.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



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Add a dash at the end to add some dramatic information (like in the example).

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1. His Aston Martin pulled into the car park.

2. James Bond scanned the room.

3. The underground lair was quiet apart from the low hum of machinery.

4. Miss Money Penny smiled across the room.

5. He looked at his watch.



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Look at the sentences below. Either add a pair of dashes into the sentence (as in example 1) or a dash at the end to add some dramatic information (as in example 2).

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Example 1: James Bond – though I can't quite believe how - jumped straight over the car, rolled and ran off into the woods.

Example 2: It was a long wait – perhaps the longest of his life.

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The Dramatic Dash Answers

Example answers:

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	Example answers
1.	<i>His Aston Martin pulled into the car park – he had no idea of the danger he faced.</i>
2.	<i>James Bond scanned the room – his enemy was trying to disguise himself.</i>
3.	<i>The underground lair was quiet apart from the low hum of machinery – it was unnervingly quiet.</i>
4.	<i>Miss Money Penny smiled across the room – this was the secret signal he had been waiting for.</i>
5.	<i>He looked at his watch – would he need to use the secret gadget to get him out of danger?</i>

	Example answers
1.	<i>His Aston Martin pulled into the car park – he had no idea of the danger he faced.</i>
2.	<i>James Bond – alert as always – scanned the room.</i>
3.	<i>The underground lair – a sinister place indeed – was quiet apart from the low hum of machinery.</i>
4.	<i>Miss Money Penny – following the plan perfectly – smiled across the room.</i>
5.	<i>He looked at his watch – would he need to use the secret gadget to get him out of danger?</i>