

Lesson 421

Mechanics - Punctuation - Hyphens

Use a *hyphen* in compounds made up of two or more words used as an *adjective* before a *noun*. This includes coined *phrases*. Do not use a hyphen when one of the words is an *adverb* ending in -ly. These compounds will add vividness to your writing, but one should not use too many.

Example:

I received a last-minute call.

Instructions: Supply *hyphens* where they are needed in these sentences.

1. The little lost girl had that I'm going to cry again look on her face.
2. Spies must have the I like danger attitude to be successful.
3. We found many interesting things in a forty year old trunk.
4. He gave an I dare you to touch me sneer to the others.
5. Did you read that hair raising story last night?