

— EN DASH IN ENGLISH —

Use it for ranges, routes, and relationships

— What Does an En Dash Connect? —

Hyphen

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En Dash

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Em Dash

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Longer than a hyphen, shorter than an em dash

1 RANGES

The en dash can mean “to” or “through.”



- 2018–2024
- Monday–Friday
- Pages 25–38
- 9:00–11:30 a.m.



From March to June ✓



From March–June ✗

2 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PLACES



- Karachi–Lahore flight
- London–Paris train
- Pakistan–Afghanistan border



It connects two separate places.

3 RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TERMS



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- teacher–student communication
- doctor–patient relationship
- employer–employee relations



Both terms have an equal relationship.



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EN DASH, HYPHEN, OR EM DASH?

Choose the correct mark for each job


HYPHEN


EN DASH


EM DASH

1 EN DASH vs HYPHEN

HYPHEN —

Joins words



- full-time job
- well-written report
- ten-year-old child

two-year contract

VS

EN DASH —

Shows a range or connection



- pages 10–18
- 2016–2022
- Karachi–Quetta route

2023–2025

2 EN DASH vs EM DASH

EN DASH —

Range or connection



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VS

EM DASH —

Break or emphasis



The answer—
surprisingly—
was correct.



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3 SPACING AND STYLE

USUALLY NO SPACES:

2015–2020



Monday–Thursday



2015 – 2020



SOME BRITISH STYLES USE
A SPACED EN DASH FOR
SENTENCE BREAKS.

The decision —
although unpopular —
was final.



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