

Use ellipsis points ( . . . ) to mark omissions from quoted materials and pauses in a written passage.

EXAMPLE “Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. . . . [H]ow many pecks of pickled peppers did Peter Piper pick?”

**EXERCISE Read the paragraph below. Then, follow the instructions for the items after the paragraph.**

[1] Archaeologists already knew that ancient ruins existed near the Italian city of Pisa (famous for its leaning tower).

[2] Therefore, when construction began on a junction for the Italian state railway at Pisa, the archaeologists decided to do some excavating.

[3] By fall of 1999, the archaeological team had turned up sixteen ships!

[4] The ships dated from the third century B.C. to the sixth century A.D.

[5] The shortest was 23 feet long, the longest nearly 100 feet.

[6] In addition, the archaeologists unearthed cargoes of fruit and olives still in storage jars.

[7] Probably the most emotional discovery was that of the skeletons of a man (possibly a sailor) and a dog near one of the cargo ships.

**Example 1. Rewrite the first sentence, omitting the words (famous for its leaning tower).**

*“Archaeologists already knew that ancient ruins existed near the Italian city of Pisa.. . .”*

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1. Rewrite the first sentence, omitting the words the Italian city of.

2. Rewrite the second sentence, omitting on a junction for the Italian state railway.

3. Rewrite the third and fifth sentences, omitting the fourth sentence.

4. Rewrite the fifth and sixth sentences, omitting the words In addition.

5. Rewrite the seventh sentence, omitting the words (possibly a sailor).