

Hyphens

Hyphens look exactly the same as a single dash, but they can join two words together, making compound words. They can make sense of phrases that might be ambiguous. Like these:

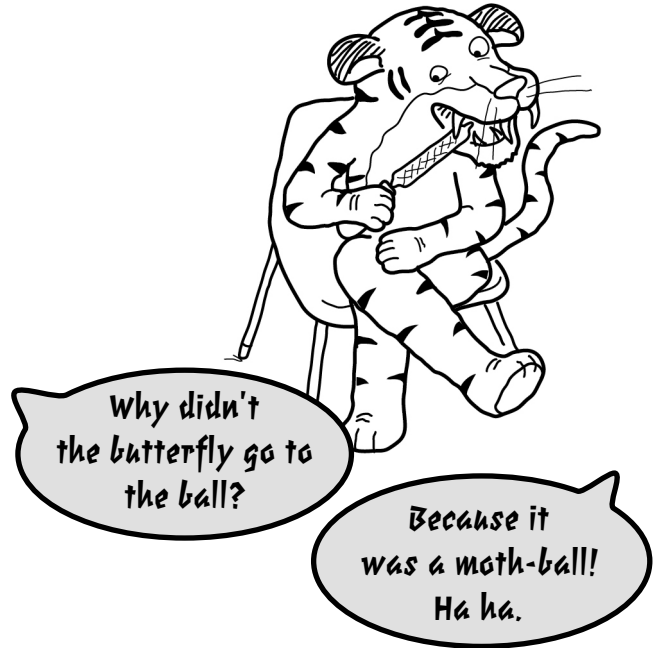
a man eating tiger would be a man eating a tiger.

a man-eating tiger would be a tiger eating a man.

a cat eating mouse would be a cat eating a mouse.

a cat-eating mouse would be a mouse eating a cat.

When you use a hyphen in this way, you make a **compound word**.



Make up some more jokey hyphenated compound words. Draw pictures.

Make up jokey hyphenated words together before you write and draw them.

Focus on what differentiates a hyphen from a dash.