

# 9 (PP) Power Punctuation Forms (Pt. 2)



## DASHED INTERRUPTERS

word	a single <u>word</u> set off by dashes at the middle or end of a sentence	
	One thing - <u>honesty</u> - seemed to be missing in their relationship. He passed the course - <u>marginally</u> .	
phrase	<b>prepositional</b>	a <u>preposition</u> followed by its object(s) plus any <i>attachments</i> (descriptors and other words that seem to semantically cling together)
	The rural Zambian house - <u>with walls of mud and wattle</u> - had a conical thatched roof, a cloth door, and a clothesline inside with a few clothes hanging on it. I finally found my keys - <u>under the car seat</u> .	
	<b>verbal</b>	a <u>verbal</u> followed by its object or a prepositional phrase
Her goal - <u>to master MySQL</u> - was accomplished in less than 14 months. The bus to Agricola City - <u>overloaded with market goods, bicycles and people</u> - barreled tottering down the narrow two-lane blacktop highway on its way to the market in the early morning haze.		
An <u>extended phrase</u> is a phrase that has additional clauses, phrases, or words attached to the front or back of the elemental tailgate. [header] + [tailgate] + [attached phrase/clause/word] + ...		
noun string	<b>noun + prep.phr.</b> The new campus - a <u>masterpiece of traditional and innovative design</u> - will open in 2005.	<b>noun in a series</b> Many people - <u>day workers, students, part-time musicians</u> - crowded the small coffeehouse to hear Joni's sweet melodies.
	<b>nouns + verbal/phr.</b> The injured victim - <u>seconds ticking away</u> - was failing in her battle for life.	<b>nouns in correlatives</b> In the workshop was a motley crew - <u>not only Americans, but also</u> visiting students from <u>Italy, Cambodia, and Kenya</u> - who would work on the arcology.
	<b>noun + clause</b> Tom was forced to eat the bitter bread of heartbreak - <u>Jenny just left all of a sudden</u> .	<b>few adjectives + noun</b> The baseball glove - <u>a tattered and well-worn remnant from his childhood</u> - reminded him of those endless summer days catching fly balls.
adverb string	<b>adverb + prep.phr.</b>	<b>adverb + adjective</b>
	The reporter - <u>often in the disguise of a homeless hobo</u> - ventured out for another evening of research.	Todd - <u>rarely late</u> - was not there that morning.
	<b>adverb + verbal phr.</b>	<b>adverb + noun</b>
The election - <u>strictly supervised by UN observers</u> - gave a resounding victory to Ms. Pakwa.	That plant - <u>once a noxious weed and roadside nuisance</u> - is now called a medicinal plant.	
adj. string	<b>adj. + prep. phr.</b>	<b>many adj. + noun</b>
	The child - <u>happy at the sight of her grandfather</u> - ran down the hall to greet him.	The tie you wore last night - <u>the flashy neon green one</u> - looked really great.
	<b>adj. + conj./comma+ adj.</b>	Kim's dress - <u>short and tight</u> - caught the eyes of many a Sunday afternoon boardwalk stroller.
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**combination:** a string that includes two or more of any of the above forms