

How to use Hyphen, em & en dash properly

When to use Hyphen

fun-loving dad
twenty-two men were un-
realistic

When to use en dash –

9am–5pm
July–September
Vacation is from June 5–9

When to use em dash —

Down the road—and a long winding road it
was—they traveled as quickly as possible.

We gathered our supplies—all eight
truck loads—and started slowly

Lecture Summary

hyphen - (shortest)

en dash – (second longest)

em dash — (longest)