

ELLIPSES FOR HESITATION

- Ellipses are made by three full stops in a row ...
- They can indicate a hesitation in speaking because of fear or embarrassment
- They can also indicate taking time to think things through

Two friends, Jay and Sam are having a difficult conversation
Put either one or two ellipses into each line of this conversation

"I was going to tell you a secret oh forget I said that." (1)

"I thought you were my friend but how can you be". (1)

"I I I can't tell you". (2)

"I thought you were different". (1)

"I should have told you how I felt but it was too hard". (1)

"Tell me come on tell me". (2)

"Okay I really wanted to go on the giant slide with you but it was way too scary for me". (2)

"Oh is that the secret?" (1)

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Answers

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**Make a hesitant conversation using ellipses wherever you can
Choose one of the following scenarios or make one of your own:**

You had no-one to play with at playtime and are feeling sad and upset. You are talking to someone who cares about you but don't really want to tell them about it.

You are trying to impress another child in your class and boast that you can run around the whole playground in one minute. When they ask you to show them, you doubt yourself and try to get out of doing it.

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