**Section 6 – Dashed and Hyphens**

Add punctuation marks where you need them or correct ones that are incorrect. Mark OK if a sentence is correct as written. Be sure you know which rule you are using.

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3. She didn’t have time to purchase her dress until the very last minute, so it wasn’t as perfect as she had planned.
4. The well known Chicago Tribune columnist will deliver the commencement speech.
5. The sophomore track star has a 12 year old sister who has even better running times than she does.
6. Haunted houses she reviewed all had creaking floors, ghostly music — and at least 10 zombies jumping out when she least expected them.
7. The award-winning marching band received a Rose Parade invitation.

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1. Blue and Gold Friday wasn’t the only plan for Homecoming dress-up days. Student Council has added Pajama Party Monday, ‘90s Tuesday and Worker Bee Wednesday. (No need for a dash unless you want to emphasize a startling statement)
2. The after-hours planning committee meeting ran until almost midnight. (OK -- it’s not “after” planning and “hours” planning. You need to plug them together to make one adjective)
3. She didn’t have time to purchase her dress until the very last minute, so it wasn’t as perfect as she had planned. (OK -- it’s not a last-minute purchase so no need to glue those two words together.)
4. The well-known Chicago Tribune columnist will deliver the commencement speech. (This is one that’s pretty common -- she’s not a “well” columnist and a “known” one, so you connect the two words with a hyphen to make one adjective)
5. The sophomore track star has a 12-year-old sister who has even better running times than she does. (All three words must connect to modify sister)
6. Haunted houses she reviewed for the Halloween issue of the newspaper all had creaking floors, ghostly music — and at least 10 zombies jumping out when she least expected them. (OK -- we don’t really expect the zombies -- so I dash like this would emphasize them more)
7. The award-winning marching band received a Rose Parade invitation. (OK -- both words must be connected to tell you about the band)

1. A slightly improved set of state assessment scores made everyone on the administrative team happy. (No hyphen here -- never with an -ly word)
2. While few students were eligible, the new college scholarship was for a student who was 16 years old or younger. (OK)
3. The last-minute surge at the polls pushed her over the top to victory. (Needs a hyphen to glue the words together to describe the surge)