

## Interruptions or Digressions

*Revision not just editing improves your writing tremendously.*

An interruption or digression is dropped into a sentence structure, and could be removed without damaging the structure. Interruptions must be clearly marked.

*Revision not just editing for grammar and spelling errors or other surface features improves your writing tremendously.*

Long interruptions should be reworked or the structure of the sentence may be obscured.

### Solutions

Choose the appropriate punctuation to enclose or set off an interruption or digression.

- *Revision (not just editing) improves your writing tremendously.*
- *Revision, not just editing, improves your writing tremendously.*
- *Revision – not just editing – improves your writing tremendously.*

Parentheses are the most modest form of punctuation for this purpose. They whisper their contents.

A pair of commas (always a pair for this purpose) is the middle option.

A pair of dashes is well, the most dashing option. They give the impression of energy and speed. They are also addictive, so use them sparingly.

- *In addition to editing for grammar and spelling errors or other surface features, revision improves your writing tremendously.*