



Hyphens can be used to break up words. For example, hyphens are used when a word has to be split because it can't fit on one line or page (e.g. repu-tation). Hyphens are also used to separate a prefix

Hyphenate adjectives of quantity (i.e. that involve numbers) that come before the noun.

e.g. 700-page novel

e.g. fifth-floor apartment

e.g. four-year-old boy

e.g. two-thirds full

e.g. fifty-kilometer race

But don't hyphenate if using an abbreviated unit of measurement.

e.g. 50 km race