HYPHEN, DASH, ELLIPSIS AND PARENTHESIS  
exercise 1

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1. “Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there”: Will Rogers, American humorist.
2. Such inspiration from Will Rogers might be just what the Heartland School Board needs if it hopes to avoid the possibility of a board teacher showdown.
3. With 3/4 of Heartland teachers voting last week to send an ultimatum to the board for increased salary and benefits in next year’s contract, the teacher strike clock appears to be ticking.
4. One thing keeping some board members just sitting there on the issue of teacher compensation is the outspokenness of proteacher factions, including outside groups.
5. “I’ll not be bullied by left wing groups that don’t even have a dog of their own in this fight,” board member Alton Everett said.
6. He was referring to the continued presence of the National Education Association, which sought last fall to represent the 459 member teacher force at Heartland.
7. Currently, the Classroom Teachers Association is representing teachers by a 2 to one ratio, based on local voting in September.
8. Another obstacle to board action is the looming possibility of a 10- to 15-percent cutback in next year’s state funding for schools.
9. Board President Roger Woolson encouraged the board to get past the obstacles and take a stand any stand that will get negotiations moving.
10. CTA spokeswoman Maria DiNozzo told the board that 10 and 15 member teacher groups, formed to solicit feedback from citizens, business owners and civic leaders, would provide reports at next month’s board meeting.

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1. Parking problems exist in downtown Heartland, the biggest of which could become a bona-fide solution.
2. That would be the most-likely conclusion drawn by spectators at Wednesday’s meeting of the Downtown Parking Committee.
3. “We want to identify downtown parking problems . . .,” Chairman Joe Buck told the audience, “by getting input from the most-important voices—yours.”
4. A downtown merchant, Jeff Baum, suggested parking downtown should be a more friendly experience where first time parking violators get warnings instead of tickets.
5. “Don’t ticket shoppers who go just a few minutes over. Make it a good will type thing,” he said.

6. Parking meter concerns seemed to be a common thread among several speakers at the hour-long forum.

7. “Get rid of the (expletive deleted) contraptions!” said one disgruntled man, who asked not to be identified.

8. Three members of the audience, Angela Bush, Harry Force and Todd Winkler, disagreed with the suggestion, saying that meters are the best way to open up high demand spaces in front of retail businesses.

9. The committee voted nine to two to have Buck put together a draft proposal to send along to the City Council.

10. Buck promised to reexamine minutes from the last two committee meetings to make sure that the report included a full representation of concerns and suggestions.