

# Ellipsis

1 TIMOTHY 2:9-10



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- the omission from speech or writing of a word or words that are superfluous or able to be understood from contextual clues.



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- A sentence is said to be elliptical when an ellipsis occurs in it.
- Jess has four dogs;  
Allison, three"



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- The beauty of elliptical language is not in the words a sentence contains, but in the words it does not.



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