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Oops!

Do I Do That?

In-Between vs.
In Between

In-between (with hyphen) is used as an adjective or noun; *in between* (no hyphen) is used as an adverb or preposition.

YES:

She's neither happy nor sad; she seems in an in-between state these days.

YES:

The thyme is in between the oregano and rosemary on the shelf.

NO:

His birthday is in-between Julie's and Matt's.

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Pop Quiz: Can You Name the 8 Parts of Speech?

In January, this newsletter reviewed the 13 punctuation marks; this month, we thought we'd provide a basic list and description of the 8 parts of speech.

- Adjective: word used to modify a noun or pronoun
Examples: sad friend, happy campers
- Adverb: word used to modify a verb, adjective, or another adverb
Examples: quickly read, kindly help
- Conjunction: joins words, clauses, or phrases
Examples: and, but, so, yet, or
- Interjection: expression of surprise or emotion
Examples: Wow!, Hey!, Eek!
- Noun: name of a person, place, or thing
Examples: mother, room, rock
- Preposition: links nouns, pronouns, and phrases to another part of the sentence
Examples: to, with, from, for, about
- Pronoun: word used in place of a noun
Examples: it, she, I, this, we
- Verb: an action word
Examples: run, skip, jump, edit, proofread

Nifty Word of the Month

preponderant, adjective:

having superior weight, force, or influence; having greater prevalence

(Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, May 3, 2009)

Periods, et al.

One of the most common errors seen at kelcilynn.com is the use of a period after *et* when an author uses the abbreviation *et al.* in a piece. *Et al.*, which means *and others*, is an abbreviation for the Latin phrases *et alii* (masc.), *et aliae* (fem.), and *et alia* (neut.). Since *et* is a word and not an abbreviation, no period is needed after it.

100 Unbelievably Useful Reference Sites You've Never Heard of

Teachingtips.com has an amazing list of reference Web sites that can help you find everything from rhyming words and medical terminology to slang terms and phrases from children's literature.

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