

## Hyphenation Conventions Handout

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### Common and proper uses of hyphens:

- Use a hyphen to join two words into a single thought.
  - Rather, “education is a set of processes and outcomes that are defined qualitatively” (UNESCO 28), and a high-quality education focuses on both cognitive and emotional growth.
- Use a hyphen to promote clarity in writing and avoid unclear combinations of words.
  - This wealth-generating competition depends as much on the free flow of information as it does on skilled human capital.
- Use a hyphen with certain prefixes such as *self-*, *all-*, *anti-*, and *mid-*.
  - *Self-sustaining*
  - *All-seeing*
  - *Anti-war*
  - *Mid-1900s*

**Further reference:** The Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL): <http://owl.english.purdue.edu> (search terms: *hyphen*, *hyphenation convention*)