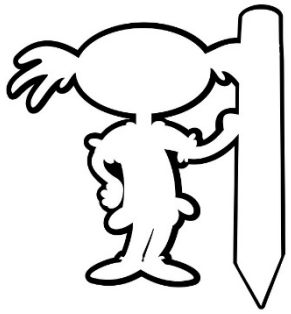
Name _____ Aposiopesis



Aposiopesis in Dialogue

Aposiopesis is a figure of speech in which the speaker or writer leaves a statement incomplete. The use of aposiopesis suggests that the speaker is unable or unwilling to finish speaking due to being overcome by a powerful emotion such as anger, excitement, or fear. The use of aposiopesis in dialogue can make characters seem complex and lifelike.

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the situations below. Write a few lines of dialogue for this scene that include one character using aposiopesis.

- One character tells another that they love them
- One character is furious with the other
- A character is overcome with grief

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